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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

10 CFR PART 71 DRAFT FINAL RULE - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS (STP- 03-039)

We have posted the draft final rule entitled "Compatibility With IAEA Transportation Safety Standards (TS-R-1) and Other Transportation Safety Amendments" (10 CFR Part 71) for your review and comment.* Revisions made in the draft final rule are highlighted in strikeout/bold format, beginning with the Section-by-Section Analysis and continuing through the rule language. We ask that you provide comments within 30 days from the date of this letter directly to: Mr. Naiem S. Tanious, (301) 415-6103; email: NST@NRC.GOV.

The draft final rule is predecisional and is available only at the Agreement State area of the NRC's Technical Conference Forum <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-states/topics> via the NRC Home Page <http://www.nrc.gov>. The draft final rule is marked: "PREDECISIONAL DRAFT INFORMATION - FEDERALLY PROTECTED - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

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