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ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES

**CONSOLIDATION OF THE NRC REGIONS I AND II MATERIALS PROGRAMS
(STP-03-071)**

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a September 5, 2003 regulatory issue summary (RIS) and attachment from Charles L. Miller, Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, to all NRC materials licensees.

This RIS provides additional information on the consolidation of the NRC Regions I and II materials programs, as well as a mailing address for contacting the NRC on licensing, inspection and other materials' issues.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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**NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2003-15:
CONSOLIDATION OF THE REGION I AND REGION II MATERIALS
PROGRAM**

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All materials licensees.

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to inform addressees of the consolidation of the Region I and Region II materials program. No specific action nor written response is required.

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

As part of the NRC Agency-wide initiative to improve effectiveness and efficiency, the Commission has directed the staff to consolidate portions of the nuclear materials program. As of October 1, 2003, NRC's Region II nuclear materials program will be consolidated within NRC's Region I Office, located in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. This transfer of the responsibilities to Region I is part of a larger effort to restructure the Agency's programs, and will not result in any substantive changes to the inspection or licensing programs. As a result of the consolidation, Region I will assume regulatory responsibility for the approximately 800 NRC materials licensees that are currently overseen by Region II, including licensing, inspection, event response, enforcement, and allegations. We expect that this consolidation will result in a more efficient materials program and minimally impact licensees.

Although the current Region II staff will remain in NRC's Atlanta, Georgia, office; routine materials correspondence will be handled by Region I. Effective October 1, 2003, applications for new licenses, amendments, terminations and renewals of existing licenses, inspection correspondence, reciprocity filings, and reports that would have been sent to the Region II office should be sent to the NRC Region I office at the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

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NRC also plans a rulemaking that will revise its regulations that specify the appropriate Regional offices to contact for various classes of licensees.

This RIS requires no specific action nor written response. If you have any questions about this summary, please contact the individual listed below, or the appropriate regional office.

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Attachment: List of Recently Issued NRC Regulatory Issue Summaries

LIST OF RECENTLY ISSUED
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Regulatory Issue Summary No.	Subject	Date of Issuance	Issued to
2003-14	Preparation And Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations	08/27/2003	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.
2003-13	NRC Review of Responses to Bulletin 2002-01, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity"	07/29/2003	All holders of construction permits or operating licenses for nuclear power reactors except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.
2003-12	Clarification of NRC Guidance for Modifying Protective Actions	06/24/2003	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.
2003-11	Reporting Requirements for Distributors of Devices Subject to the General License Requirements of 10 CAR 3.5	07/16/2003	All licensees authorized to distribute devices containing byproduct material under 10 CAR 32.51, or equivalent Agreement State regulation.
2003-10	Licensed Operator Requalification Training: Written Examination Frequency	06/13/2003	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors and test and research reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

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