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ALL AGREEMENT STATE RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

**PROVISIONAL SCREENING CRITERIA FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSEES  
(RCPD-04-022)**

On October 25, 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) initiated an additional security review of all publically available documents. This action was taken under the current international threat environment, to ensure that public information concerning NRC reactor and materials licensees that may be useful to our adversaries be withheld from public access. By letter dated November 4, 2004, I asked that Agreement States take a similar action to NRC "to immediately block public access, or otherwise remove, information pertaining to materials licensees to ensure that there is national consistency." I also indicated that NRC will work with the Organization of Agreement States Board to assist in the development of screening criteria that both NRC and Agreement States would apply to materials licensee information that a potential terrorist would find useful.

The NRC has developed provisional screening criteria (Enclosure: NMSS SISP Review Criteria\*) which NRC is applying at this time to documents for materials and waste licensees that are involved in hearings, to non-docketed materials (documents not related to specific licensees), and to respond to specific requests for information about materials licensees.

The provisional screening criteria were developed based on Commission approved screening criteria relative to nuclear reactors (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/secys/2004/secy2004-0191/2004-0191scy.pdf>). We are providing the provisional screening criteria to the Agreement States for consideration and use until the final criteria are developed, working with the Agreement States. It should be noted that the intention in creating provisional screening criteria was to be more conservative initially, so that documents reviewed under these criteria would not have to be re-screened against final screening criteria.

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Name and organization of person making determination.

Date of Determination: 12/7/2004

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We appreciate any comments you may have relative to the provisional screening criteria and look forward to working with the Agreement States to develop final screening criteria.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at 301-415-3340 or the individual named below.

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