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NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETING ON ENERGY POLICY ACT 2005 RULEMAKING INVOLVING NEW DEFINITIONS (STP-05-078)

On August 8, 2005, the President approved the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the Act). The full text is available at http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?c109:6:./temp/~c109oWTKBq::. Section 651(e) of the Act expanded the definition of byproduct material in Section 11e. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to include naturally occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive material (NARM) and required the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to provide a regulatory framework for licensing and regulating the additional byproduct material. In response to the Act, the NRC is initiating a rulemaking to incorporate NARM into the Code of Federal Regulations. Many State radiation protection programs have extensive experiences in regulating such material and thus their input and expertise is being sought for NRC rulemaking activities.

On November 9, 2005, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST in Rockville, Maryland, the NRC will host a roundtable discussion to allow stakeholders an opportunity to discuss concerns and interact with other interested parties on the subject of NRC regulation of NARM. A notice of this public meeting will be published soon in the Federal Register. It will also be posted on the NRC Website at: http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm.

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