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**FINAL NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2006-20 GUIDANCE FOR RECEIVING
ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION WHEN CONCENTRATING URANIUM AT COMMUNITY
WATER SYSTEMS (STP-06-091)**

Purpose: To provide the final Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) that was published on September 22, 2006 in the *Federal Register* for the implementation of a policy of enforcement discretion for community water systems (CWSs). The RIS is also available at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2006/ri200620.pdf>

Background: In 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a final Uranium Maximum Containment Level, to the standard of 30 $\mu\text{g/L}$ or 30 ppb, and imposed strict deadlines for compliance. The RIS states that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be amending its regulations to establish a new class of general licenses specific to CWSs for meeting EPA's requirements on uranium levels in drinking water, and while the new general license is being developed, NRC plans to exercise enforcement discretion for those facilities under NRC jurisdiction. The draft RIS was coordinated with the Agreement State representative in the working group, and may be helpful to Agreement State programs since CWSs under their jurisdiction may also be required, under appropriate State regulations, to obtain a similar license for authorization to possess, process, and dispose of the concentrated uranium. Recipients in non-Agreement States should consider providing copies of these documents to the appropriate regulator(s) of CWSs within their States. This RIS incorporates and reflects State comments received in response to our August 8, 2006, All Radiation Control Program Directors Letter (RCPD-06-026), and comments received from NRC Offices.

Contents: Federal Register Notice regarding the RIS for the implementation of a policy of enforcement discretion for CWSs with concentrate uranium above 0.05 percent by weight.

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