

November 15, 2006

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Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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This final rule will apply to NRC licensees; Agreement States will impose legally binding requirements to their licensees. Although this final rule imposes a new information collection requirement on licensees that possess nationally tracked sources, we believe that this regulatory burden is justified. The National Source Tracking System will be part of a comprehensive radioactive control program for the radioactive materials of greatest concern.

Sincerely,

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