

November 14, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Those on the Attached List

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Division of Intergovernmental Liaison
and Rulemaking **/RA/**
Office of Federal and State Materials
and Environmental Management Programs

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE: FINAL RULE: REGULATORY
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NUCLEAR MATERIALS
MANAGEMENT AND SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM

Your concurrence is requested on the attached final rule. The final rule will amend 10 CFR Parts 40, 72, 73, 74, and 150 related to certain source material and special nuclear materials (SNM) reporting requirements to the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS).

The amendments reduce the quantities of SNM and certain source materials requiring the submission of both status and transaction reports to the NMMSS. The amendments also require licensees to reconcile any material inventory discrepancies identified by the NRC in the NMMSS database. The amendments reduce unnecessary regulatory burden by reducing the current reporting requirements related to the export of certain source and special nuclear materials. These amendments are needed to improve the accuracy of material inventory information maintained in the NMMSS. The changes reduce some reporting burden on licensees subject to current reporting requirements. However, the annual reporting requirements are new requirements for licensees that possess 350 grams or less, of SNM.

The following is a summary of this request:

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4. Steering Group: No

5. Enhanced Public Participation: No

6. Compatibility for Agreement States: No

7. Requested Action: Office Concurrence

8. Requested Completion Date: Twenty calendar days after date of this memorandum.

9. Resources and Coordination: It is anticipated that 0.6 NRC FTEs will be needed to complete this action. These resources are within existing budget allocations. Copies of this concurrence package have been forwarded to ACRS, ACNW, CRGR, and IG for information. Time to review this package should be charged to TAC # JA0133.

Please notify the contact listed and provide the name of your reviewer. It is hoped that this step will further facilitate concurrence. Notification may be by either email or phone.

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