

July 14, 2008

Ruth E. McBurney, CHP
Executive Director
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.
205 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. McBurney:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently received a request from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as a Member State, to review and provide comments on a draft International Basic Safety Standard (BSS) for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for The Safety Of Radiation Sources Draft 1.0 (Enclosure 1). The Draft 1.0 includes General Requirements for Protection and Safety, Planned Exposure Situations, Emergency Exposure Situations, Existed Exposure Situations. We would appreciate the Conference coordinating and consolidating comments from State representatives as it deems appropriate. We will then consolidate the Conference's comments with any NRC comments regarding Basic Safety Standard and forward them on to the IAEA. Comments are due to my office by August 8, 2008.

The IAEA further notes that editorial comments will be considered, the document will be comprehensively edited by the Secretariat and asks that comments be documented on the enclosed form (Enclosure 2).

As you know, the United States does not specifically adopt IAEA standards and guides. Nevertheless, we believe it is important to take advantage of each opportunity to influence the IAEA documents towards requirements and guidance that are consistent with our regulatory approaches. These reviews also provide the opportunity to ensure that materials used internationally reflect our activities, experience, and lessons learned.

The contact person for the effort is Shirley Xu who may be reached at 301-415-7640, or by Email at Shirley.Xu@nrc.gov.

Thank you in advance for your time and the Conference's time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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