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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN, NEW JERSEY

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) SAFETY GUIDES "DS410: NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR REGAINING CONTROL OVER ORPHAN SOURCES AND IMPROVING CONTROL OVER VULNERABLE SOURCES" AND "DS411: ORPHAN RADIOACTIVE SOURCES AND RADIOACTIVELY CONTAMINATED MATERIAL IN THE METAL RECYCLING PRODUCTION INDUSTRY" (FSME-09-085)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity to comment on the draft IAEA safety guides "DS410: National Strategy for Regaining Control over Orphan Sources and Improving Control Over Vulnerable Sources" and "DS-411 Orphan Radioactive Sources and Radioactively Contaminated Material in the Metal Recycling and Production Industries".*

Background: The proposed Safety Guides are intended to provide recommendations for the application of the requirements of the International Basic Safety Standards for Protection Against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources (1996) to orphan and vulnerable radioactive sources (DS410) and to the problems posed by orphan sources and other radioactive material in the metal recycling and production industries (DS411).

Comments are requested in relation to:

- 1) Relevance and usefulness: are the stated objectives of the standard appropriate, and are they met by the document?
- 2) Scope and completeness: is the stated scope appropriate and is that scope adequately covered by the document?
- 3) Quality and clarity: do the requirements/guidance in the document represent the current consensus among specialists in the field, and are they expressed clearly and coherently?

Discussion: The draft safety guides can be found at: <http://www-ns.iaea.org/standards/documents/draft-ms-posted.asp>. We would appreciate receiving your comments within 30 days from the date of this letter. Please send you comments to the contact individual listed below.

*This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0029, expiration 08/31/2010. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 8 hours. Send comments regarding the burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0029), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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