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**Summary of Public Meeting hosted by the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS) on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources; DS379 Version 3.0**

A public meeting hosted by ISCORS was held on February 26, 2010, in Rockville, MD, to solicit federal agency, public, and stakeholder input on IAEA International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources DS379; Version3.0 (BSS). The BSS provides requirements for the wide range of radiation protection situations which may exist. The draft report organizes these requirements into three principle exposure situations, namely: planned exposure situations, in which an activity that may cause radiation exposure can be planned in advance, and appropriate controls put into place; emergency exposure situations, that arises as a result of an accident, a malicious act, or any other unexpected event, and requires prompt action in order to avoid or reduce adverse consequences; and existing exposure situations, in which the circumstances causing exposure already exist when a decision on the need for control has to be taken (such as radon in homes). The requirements in the existing BSS, and those contained in the draft cover areas which may be under the jurisdiction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), or may be part of programs under other Federal Agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Energy, or may be under the jurisdiction of various State Agencies.

The public meeting began with opening remarks from Mr. Rob Lewis, Director Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs. Mr. Lewis welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending. He also encouraged the audience to be very active and participate to help ensure that the United States give the best possible set of comments to the IAEA for consideration as they move forward on this key document. Following Mr. Lewis' welcome Dr. Donald Cool, NRC and Mr. Trevor Boal, IAEA discussed the history of the BSS and gave an overview of the document.

During the afternoon of the public meeting the attendees participated in a town hall style meeting focusing on the three main sections of the BSS: planned exposure, emergency exposure, and existing exposure. Mr. Francis Cameron facilitated the discussion and allowed for interaction and open discussion between members of the audience, presenters and those participating via phone.

A wide variety of perspectives and views from industry, government agencies, and the public were expressed. All of these views will be helpful as work on the US Government Comments for the BSS moves forward.

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