

July 9, 2013

ALL AGREEMENT STATES

NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT UPDATES TO THE "POLICY STATEMENT ON ADEQUACY AND COMPATIBILITY OF AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAMS" AND THE "STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICY FOR THE AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAM" (FSME-13-064)

Purpose: To inform you of an opportunity to participate in a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) public meeting on the revisions to the "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs" and the "Statements of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program."

Background: A December 2, 2010, Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM-SECY-10-015) directed the NRC staff to update the Commission Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs and associated guidance documents to include both safety and source security considerations in the determination process. Both the "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs" and the "Statements of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program" have been updated by working groups made up of NRC and Agreement State representatives, to include such subject matter as security of radioactive materials and to incorporate changes in the NRC policies and practices.

Discussion: The notice announcing the availability of the draft revisions to the policy statements on Agreement State Programs for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 33122) on June 3, 2013. In addition to requesting comments on the revisions made to the policy statements, the NRC is specifically requesting comments on: (1) Compatibility Category B in the "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs," (2) consideration of a performance based approach in determining Agreement State compatibility, and (3) performance based metrics in the adequacy determination of an Agreement State program.

The first of two public meetings, sponsored by the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, will be held on **Thursday, July 18, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, Central Time in the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. The details and agenda for the public meeting are available in the Agencywide Document Access and Management System, under Accession No. ML13189A082.

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