

September 3, 2013

ALL AGREEMENT STATES

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 19, REVISION 1, "CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: GUIDANCE FOR AGREEMENT STATE LICENSEES ABOUT NRC FORM 241 'REPORT OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IN NON-AGREEMENT STATES, AREAS OF EXCLUSIVE FEDERAL JURISDICTION, OR OFFSHORE WATERS' AND GUIDANCE FOR NRC LICENSEES PROPOSING TO WORK IN AGREEMENT STATE JURISDICTION (RECIPROCITY)" (FSME-13-087)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with the opportunity to comment* on the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) draft NUREG-1556, Volume 19, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Guidance for Agreement State Licensees about the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Form 241 'Report of Proposed Activities in Non-Agreement States, Areas of Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction, or Offshore Waters' and Guidance for NRC Licensees Proposing to Work in Agreement State Jurisdiction (Reciprocity)."

Background: The NRC is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. The NRC last revised and published NUREG-1556, Volume 19, in December 2000. The document is intended for use by applicants, licensees and NRC staff, and is also available to the Agreement States.

Discussion: NUREG-1556, Volume 19, Revision 1, has been updated by a working group made up of NRC headquarters and regional representatives, to include safety culture, security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information and changes in regulatory policies and practices. The notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 53792) on August 30, 2013:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-30/pdf/2013-21250.pdf>

The draft volume can also be found on the NRC's public Web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/v19/r1/>

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