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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON STANDARD REVIEW PLAN FOR
CONVENTIONAL URANIUM MILLS AND HEAP LEACH FACILITIES (STC-15-003)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States of the opportunity to provide comments on Draft NUREG 2126, "Standard Review Plan for Conventional Uranium Mills and Heap Leach Facilities."

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has developed draft NUREG-2126 to provide guidance for NRC staff reviews of applications to develop and operate conventional uranium mills and heap leach facilities and to ensure a consistent quality and uniformity of staff reviews. During development of the standard review plan, the NRC staff solicited feedback on the document from Agreement States with active uranium recovery programs (Colorado, Texas, Utah, and Washington).

Discussion: Under the provisions of Part 40 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Domestic Licensing of Source Material," an NRC materials license is required to conduct uranium recovery by conventional mill or heap leach techniques. Applicants for a new license and operators seeking an amendment or renewal of an existing license are required to provide detailed information on the facilities, equipment, and procedures used in the proposed activities. Each section in the Draft NUREG-2126 provides guidance on what information is to be reviewed, the basis for the review, how the NRC staff review is to be accomplished, what the staff will find acceptable in a demonstration of compliance with applicable regulations, and the evaluation criteria for determining compliance with the applicable regulations. Draft NUREG-2126 is intended to improve the understanding of the NRC staff's review process by interested members of the public and the uranium recovery industry.

On December 18, 2014, NRC staff published a *Federal Register* notice announcing the start of the comment period. Comments should be provided by March 18, 2014. Any interested party may submit comments on draft NUREG-2126 for consideration by the NRC staff as requested in the *Federal Register* Notice (79 FR 29663).

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