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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, VERMONT, WYOMING  
STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT REVISION TO THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR  
MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURE SA-113, *PLACING AN AGREEMENT  
STATE PROGRAM ON PROBATION* (STC-16-052)

**Purpose:** To provide the Agreement States, Vermont, Wyoming, and State Liaison Officers an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Procedure SA-113, *Placing an Agreement State Program on Probation* (ML15106A749).

**Background:** This procedure is being revised to update current practices and guidance, to address organizational changes, and to address recommendations from the July 2014 tabletop exercise to make the probationary process shorter and more nimble.

**Discussion:** Enclosed for your review and comment is the draft revision to NMSS Procedure SA-113, *Placing an Agreement State on Probation*. This document describes the procedure for placing an Agreement State program on probation when the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) finds that program weaknesses exist, which affects the adequacy and/or compatibility of the program.

In the proposed revision to SA-113, the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) would decide to place or lift probation for an Agreement State Program following a consultation with the Commission. The current process requires two Commission papers in order for Probation to be approved. The change in process was recommended by the EDO to make the probationary process more nimble and timely. Probation is a formal process that allows the NRC to maintain an increased level of communication with an Agreement State program experiencing program weaknesses that warrant increased NRC oversight.

Please provide any comments on SA-113. We would appreciate receiving your comments<sup>1</sup> within 30 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or the individual named below:

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Draft NMSS SA-113, *Placing an Agreement  
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