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MEMORANDUM TO: Those on the Attached List

FROM: Daniel S. Collins, Director */RA/*  
Division of Material Safety, State, Tribal  
and Rulemaking Programs  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

SUBJECT: DRAFT REVISION TO THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL  
SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURE SA-113, *PLACING AN  
AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAM ON PROBATION*

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We would appreciate receiving your comments on SA-113 within 30 days from the date of this memorandum. Staff recognizes that there are page-formatting adjustments to make in the final document once changes are accepted. There will be a technical edit review of the document before it is finalized. A State and Tribal Communication letter has also been issued to All Agreement States, Vermont, Wyoming, and State Liaison Officers for their review and comment.

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