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MEMORANDUM TO: ALL AGREEMENT STATES AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES
STATE LIAISON OFFICERS, ALL TRIBES WITHIN 50 MILE- RADIUS
OF POWER REACTORS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE 10 OF THE *CODE OF FEDERAL
REGULATIONS* PARTS 50 AND 52 TO ADDRESS THE MITIGATION
OF BEYOND-DESIGN-BASIS EVENTS (STC-15-081)

Purpose: To provide notification of the publication in the *Federal Register* of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) proposed regulation that would add requirements for the mitigation of beyond-design-basis events.

Background: The NRC is proposing to amend its regulations to establish requirements for nuclear power reactor applicants and licensees to mitigate beyond-design-basis events. The NRC is proposing to make generically applicable requirements that were previously imposed through Commission orders for the mitigation of beyond-design-basis events including requirements for reliable spent fuel pool instrumentation. The rule would establish regulatory requirements for an integrated response capability, including supporting requirements for command and control, drills, training and change control. The rule would also establish requirements for enhanced onsite emergency response capabilities.

Discussion: Enclosed with this letter is the *Federal Register* notice supporting the proposed rule, as well as the environmental assessment finding that no significant environmental impact will result from this proposed rule. The proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* (80 FR 70610; <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-13/pdf/2015-28589.pdf>) on November 13, 2015 and posted on the Federal e-rulemaking portal <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. NRC-2014-0240. Comments on the proposed rule and environmental assessment are due by February 11, 2016; see the *Federal Register* notice for instructions on how to submit comments. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact the individual named below:

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