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**FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE – REQUEST FOR STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS ON OPERATING PHILOSOPHY FOR MAINTAINING OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION EXPOSURES AS LOW AS IS REASONABLY ACHIEVABLE (STC-16-002)**

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**Background:** The NRC has issued for public comment a DG in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC’s regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

**Discussion:** This DG is proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 8.10 and describes methods and procedures that NRC staff considers acceptable for maintaining radiation exposures to employees and the public as low as is reasonably achievable (ALARA). This revision incorporates additional guidance from operating ALARA experience since the previous revision to RG 8.10 in 1975. The draft guide would apply to all NRC licensees including byproduct, source and special nuclear materials licensees regulated under the National Materials Program.

The FRN requests that comments be submitted by February 22, 2016. The FRN is available at <https://federalregister.gov/a/2015-32414> or the December 24, 2015 edition of the *Federal Register* (80 FR 32414).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research staff members named below.

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