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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 9, REVISION 3,  
“CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC  
GUIDANCE ABOUT MEDICAL USE LICENSES” (STC-17-010)

**Purpose:** To inform Agreement States that the public comment period on the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards draft NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 3, “Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Medical Use Licenses” has been extended to March 31, 2017.

**Background:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. On December 6, 2016, the NRC issued a Notice announcing the availability of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 3 for comment.

**Discussion:** NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 3, was updated by a working group made up of NRC and Agreement State representatives, to include safety culture, security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information and changes in regulatory policies and practices. The volume was also reviewed by a steering committee made up of NRC management, an Agreement State manager, and NRC legal staff.

This draft does not include any revisions associated with the proposed rule “Medical Use of Byproduct Material-Medical Event Definitions, Training and Experience, and Clarifying Amendments” as that rulemaking is not completed. The proposed rule and proposed changes to NUREG-1556, Volume 9, were published for public comment in the Federal Register ([79 FR 42409](#), [79 FR 42224](#)) on July 21, 2014. Comments received on those changes are being considered by the NRC staff separately. If the proposed rule becomes final, the proposed revisions to NUREG-1556, Volume 9 addressing the implementation of the proposed rule will be incorporated into NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 3 before its final publication.

The notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (81 FR 87978) on December 6, 2016:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-06/pdf/2016-29214.pdf>

A comment period extension was published in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 8545) on January 26, 2017:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-26/pdf/2017-01807.pdf>

The draft volume can be found on the NRC’s public Web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/>

The draft volume is also available the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System under Accession No. ML16328A214.

The comment period for this document, which was chosen following consultation with the Organization of Agreement States, ends on Friday, March 31, 2017. Please follow the directions in the *Federal Register* regarding comments. We look forward to receiving your input.

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