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NOTIFICATION OF WEBINAR REGARDING THE FINAL DRAFT REVISION OF
“GUIDANCE FOR THE REVIEWS OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL PROCEDURES AND
TRANSFERS OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL UNDER 10 CFR 20.2002 AND 10 CFR 40.13(a)”
(STC-17-076)

Purpose: To inform all Agreement States that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff plans to conduct a webinar to discuss the revisions for the final draft guidance, “Guidance for the Reviews of Proposed Disposal Procedures and Transfers of Radioactive Material Under 10 CFR 20.2002 and 10 CFR 40.13(a).” This webinar has been scheduled in order to assist the Agreement States in making informed comments regarding this revision.

Background: The original guidance document for the review of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 20.2002¹ and 10 CFR 40.13(a)² alternative disposal requests, EPPAD 3.5, “Review, Approval, and Documentation of Low-Activity Waste Disposals In Accordance with 10 CFR 20.2002 and 10 CFR 40.13(a),” was issued in 2009³ and provides information on the alternative disposal request review process. This guidance document is being revised to provide more clarity, transparency, and consistency of the process. In addition, the revision, provides clarification of the definition of disposal in 10 CFR 20.2002 to include reuse and recycle.

Discussion: The NRC staff has prepared a revision to its alternative disposal request guidance. The draft revision of the guidance has been made available for public comment, and NRC staff provided notice of the document in the *Federal Register* ([82 FR 48727](#)) on October 19, 2017. The notice provided background information regarding the final draft guidance document and solicited public comments on the document. It also provided notice of the NRC’s plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the document and receive comments on the proposed changes, which occurred on October 19, 2017, and included a Webinar and facilitated bridgeline.

The revision of the guidance was discussed with Agreement State representatives during the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) monthly call on July 20, 2017. It was also discussed during an NRC presentation on the revised guidance at the annual OAS Meeting on August 24, 2017, to provide an opportunity to give an update on the status, highlight changes, answer questions, and consider how to best support its use in Agreement States. An STC Letter, “Publication of the Final Draft Revision of ‘Guidance for the Reviews of Proposed Disposal Procedures and Transfers of Radioactive Material Under 10 CFR 20.2002 and 10 CFR 40.13(a)’” (STC-17-073), was issued on October 20, 2017.⁴

¹ [20.2002, “Method for obtaining approval of proposed disposal procedures.”](#)

² [40.13, “Unimportant quantities of source material.”](#)

³ ADAMS Accession No. ML092460058.

⁴ ADAMS Accession No. ML17216A761.

The NRC plans to hold a webinar on November 16, 2017. During the webinar, the NRC staff will provide an overview of the proposed revisions to the final draft guidance, as well as answer any questions Agreement States staff may have on these proposed revisions, in order to assist the Agreement States' in being well-informed as they submit written comments. As noted in the STC letter, the due date for comments is December 18, 2017. Comments should be submitted as described in the *Federal Register* notice, and comments received during the comment period will be considered for further revision of the guidance. Agreement State staff interested in providing feedback on the final draft guidance should plan to participate in this webinar, which will be transcribed.

The webinar is scheduled for November 16, 2017, 1:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. To register, please follow this link <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2598433335287714050>

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