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Subject: Comments on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Draft Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2018-2022

Dear Ms. Bladey,

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has reviewed the NRC's Draft Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2018-2022. Being an NRC partner in the National Materials Program and sharing the mission of protecting public health and safety as well as protecting the environment, MDH appreciates the opportunity to comment on how the NRC plans to achieve its strategic goals.

Minnesota supports the NRC's safety and security strategic goals and the accompanying objectives for the upcoming fiscal years 2018-2022.

In regards to *Safety Strategy 5. Maintain material safety through the National Materials Program in partnership with Agreement States*, Minnesota acknowledges the strong working relationship between the State and NRC as part of the National Materials Program and welcomes this continued effort. Our communications with the NRC's Government Liaisons, State Agreements Officers, and Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff have been professional, beneficial, and supportive. We look forward to continuing this working relationship into the future.

Minnesota values the continued NRC support for a consistent training program to develop and maintain well-trained staff. The importance of this training to maintaining consistency in the National Materials Program cannot be overstated. Staffing and training for Agreement State staff is often challenging. Without the NRC support for training it would be difficult for Minnesota to achieve the level of staff competency to meet the performance indicators as outlined in the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP).

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The State of Minnesota supports the NRC's two strategic goals and the activities listed in the Draft Strategic Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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