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PUBLICATION OF NUREG-1556, VOLUME 7, REVISION 1, "CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ABOUT ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER LICENSES OF LIMITED SCOPE INCLUDING ELECTRON CAPTURE DEVICES AND X-RAY FLUORESCENCE ANALYZERS" (STC-18-020)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States that the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards NUREG-1556, Volume 7, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Academic, Research and Development, and Other Licenses of Limited Scope Including Electron Capture Devices and X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzers – Final Report" was published in February 2018.

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. The NRC originally published NUREG-1556, Volume 7 in December 1999. The document is intended for use by applicants, licensees and NRC staff, and is also available to the Agreement States.

Discussion: NUREG-1556, Volume 7, Revision 1, 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 and an Agreement State manager, the NRC regional offices, NRC legal staff and other NMSS managers.

Revision 1 of Volume 7 can be found on the NRC's public Web site at:

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

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