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Wyoming Becomes NRC's 38th Agreement State

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has entered into an agreement with the state of Wyoming, transferring regulatory authority to the state over certain radioactive materials. Wyoming becomes the 38th state to sign such an agreement with the NRC.

The agreement was signed today in Cheyenne by Wyoming Gov. Matthew H. Mead and NRC Chairman Kristine L. Svinicki. With the agreement, the NRC transfers to Wyoming the responsibility for licensing, rulemaking, inspection and enforcement activities necessary to regulate source material involved in uranium or thorium milling and the management and disposal of milling waste, or mill tailings. Fourteen uranium recovery licenses will be transferred to Wyoming's jurisdiction.

The NRC retains jurisdiction over any commercial nuclear power plants (there currently are none in Wyoming), federal agencies using certain radioactive materials in the state, and uses of radioactive material other than uranium and thorium milling activities.

Before entering into the agreement, the NRC determined that Wyoming's radiation control program is adequate to protect public health and safety and is compatible with NRC regulations.

The NRC also issued a series of *Federal Register* notices between June 26 and July 26, 2018, to seek public comment on the proposed agreement between the NRC and Wyoming and the staff's draft assessment of the agreement. The NRC staff considered the comments received in the development and approval of the final agreement.

Copies of the [agreement, the governor's request, and supporting documents](#); [public comments](#); and the [NRC staff assessment](#) are available on the NRC website.