

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MILL AGREEMENT STATES (COLORADO, ILLINOIS, TEXAS, WASHINGTON)
TRANSMITTAL OF STATE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM INFORMATION (SP-97-024)

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FINAL MILL LICENSE TERMINATION SURVEY

Supplementary information: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering proposing a legislative amendment that would revise section 274 c.(4) of the Atomic Energy Act to modify the requirement that upon termination of an activity that results in production of mill tailings, the Commission must determine whether or not the licensee has complied with all applicable standards and requirements under the license. The draft amendment would eliminate this requirement with respect to licenses issued by Agreement States.

Whether the NRC will go forward with an amendment, or what its precise language would be, has not yet been the subject of a Commission determination. It may be possible to effectuate the change simply by amending section 274 c.(4) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to strike out the language that now reads: "The Commission shall also retain authority under any such agreement to make a determination that all applicable standards and requirements have been met prior to termination of a license for byproduct material, as defined in section 11e.(2)." However, a number of considerations remain to be explored, including responses from affected Agreement States on the questions listed below.

The proposed amendment is postulated on the assumption that the NRC is duplicating work already being done by Agreement States. The scope of your agreement includes regulatory jurisdiction over mill tailings to which the amendment would pertain. Therefore, we would appreciate receiving your input on the following questions:

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- 1. Does your State routinely carry out a final "termination review" in these circumstances to verify that the licensee has complied with all applicable State standards and requirements?
- 2. If the State does carry out a termination review, what is the scope of that review?
- Would you have any objection to the legislative amendment described 3. above?

Because we would like to include the proposed amendment in an omnibus bill that is being considered for submission to the Congress in the very near future, we would appreciate receiving your response to the above questions by April 7, 1997.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me as shown below.

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