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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF AN ADDENDUM TO STATE AND TRIBAL COMMUNICATIONS (STC) LETTER STC-20-035 REGARDING THE DOCUMENT, "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-20-042)

**Purpose:** This addendum is being issued to clarify and add information concerning the compatibility category designation, period for Agreement State implementation, and essential objectives of the document, *Guidance Document for Alternative Disposal Requests, 10 CFR 20.2002 and 40.13(a)*, which was described in [STC-20-035](#).

**Background:** On April 30, 2020, STC-20-035 was issued notifying the Agreement States that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) had noticed the document, "Guidance for The Reviews of Proposed Disposal Procedures and Transfers of Radioactive Material Under 10 CFR 20.2002 and 10 CFR 40.13(a)," in 85 FR 19966. The STC letter explained that the guidance document had been revised in several areas including the discussions on performance assessment, off-site burial disposals, regulatory requirements, release of solid material with volumetric contamination, non-licensees, coordination with Agreement States, and the Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 20.2002 review process.

**Discussion:** On May 14, 2020, the Standing Committee on Compatibility met and reviewed the subject guidance document. The Committee determined that the guidance is a matter of compatibility and be designated as Compatibility Category C. The essential objective of this program element is to define a process for evaluating, documenting, and approving requests for alternative waste disposals in accordance with 10 CFR 20.2002 and 10 CFR 40.13 or Agreement State equivalent. As this guidance is designated as Compatibility Category C, for Agreement States that have adopted equivalent regulations to 10 CFR 20.2002 and/or 10 CFR 40.13(a), the Agreement State has flexibility in the adoption of the objectives of the guidance, including being more restrictive than NRC requirements.

Agreement States that have adopted regulations equivalent to 10 CFR 20.2002 and/or 10 CFR 40.13(a) are expected to adopt the essential objectives of the guidance within 6 months of the issuance of this letter.

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