NRC & Agreement State Working Groups

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According to NRC Management Directive 5.3, "It is the policy of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide Agreement State programs the opportunity for early and substantive involvement in the development or formulation of any rule, policy, directive or guidance document, as well as participation in any special study or other NRC activity..." In alignment with this policy, the NRC includes Agreement State representatives in many working groups which enhance the partnership between the NRC and the Agreement States, facilitate the utilization of expertise that exists in the Agreement States, and support the National Materials Program. The purpose of this document is to provide a complete and concise list of the NRC working groups that field participants from the Agreement States.

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1)	Standing Committee on Compatibility	Charter: ADAMS Accession No. ML12296A075 State Agreements (SA) Procedure, SA-202: Review of Regulations and Other Program Elements by the Standing Committee on Compatibility (ML21081A103) Purpose: To enhance the existing compatibility determination process, evaluate and document compatibility designations for program elements pursuant to Management Directive 5.9, ensure consistency during promulgation of regulations by documenting decisions on compatibility and their basis, and take into account implementation issues and NRC staff's review of Agreement State regulations under the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP).	Duncan White, NRC/NMSS Co- Chair Philip Peterson, OAS/Colorado Co-Chair Becki Harisis, OAS/Nebraska Jill Shepherd, NRC/NMSS Jennifer Scro, NRC/OGC (Rulemaking and Agreement States)

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2)	Common Prioritization of Rulemaking (CPR) Working Group	Charter: ML18263A070 Purpose: The CPR uses the methodology based on four factors: the NRC Strategic Plan goals, the NRC Principles of Good Regulation, and internal and external influences on priority. The methodology considers how the scope of the rulemaking would support or be influenced by each of those factors. The prioritization methodology has been revised to consider the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.	Caylee Kenny, NRC/NMSS Philip Peterson, OAS/Colorado
3)	Standing Committee for Reviewing of Emerging Medical Technologies	Charter: ML22159A317 Interim State Agreements (SA) Procedure, SA-802: Standing Committee for Reviewing Emerging Medical Technologies (ML22269A549) Purpose: This standing committee will serve to help ensure consistency across all emerging medical technology licensing guidance documents, provide more flexibility, and help to prioritize the reviews by considering available resources, and consider the timeline of the NRC review relative to the reviews by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the Agreement States.	Katie Tapp, Co-Chair, NRC/NMSS Sarah Sanderlin, Co-Chair, OAS/New Jersey Karen Flanigan, New Jersey Meghan Cromie, Alternate, CO Jay Pavlica, Alternate, TX Elizabeth Tindle-Engelmann, NRC/RIII Magdalena Grylak, Alternate, NRC/RIII Mauri Lemoncelli, NRC/OGC (Materials, Fuel Cycle, and Waste Programs) Jennifer Scro, NRC/OGC (Rulemaking and Agreement States)

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4)	Standing Committee for Sealed Source (SS&D) and Device Expertise	Purpose: The Standing Committee for Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Center of Expertise (CoE) has been established to serve as a resource for collaboration and to enhance the technical evaluations of sealed sources or devices containing a sealed source by relying on technical expertise from the NRC and the Agreement States	Lymari Sepulveda Rodriguez, NRC/NMSS Joey Rolland, NRC/NMSS Andrew Roxburgh, South Carolina Matthew Greenwood, Tennessee Sherrie Flaherty, NRC/NMSS Steve Seeger, OAS/Tennessee
5)	10 CFR Part 71 – Harmonization of Transportation Safety Requirements – Rulemaking Working Group	Charter: ML19240A311 Purpose: The Harmonization of Transportation Safety Requirements rulemaking working group is developing a proposed rule package that would harmonize the NRC's transportation safety requirements in 10 CFR Part 71 domestically with those of DOT in 49 CFR and internationally with those of IAEA in SSR-6, 2012 and 2018 editions.	Caylee Kenny, NRC/NMSS Katie Scott, OAS/Pennsylvania Nishka Devaser, NRC/NMSS David Pstrak, NRC/NMSS Drew Barto, NRC/NMSS Jeremy Tapp, NRC/NMSS Sheldon Clark, NRC/OGC Lisa London, NRC/OGC Helen Chang, NRC/NMSS

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6)	Ground Water Protection at Uranium In Situ Recovery (ISR) Facilities Rulemaking	Charter: ML20294A394. (Draft) Purpose: These rulemaking actions would establish regulations specific to ground water protection at uranium ISR facilities, which are currently reflected in the NRC's ISR licenses, and are expected to ensure that groundwater is adequately protected during and after completion of ISR operations and improve regulatory efficiency and be consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for drinking water.	George Tartal, NRC/NMSS David Hastings, OAS/Texas (TCEQ) Caylee Kenny, NRC/NMSS Doug Mandeville, NRC/NMSS
7)	Regulatory Framework for Fusion Machines Rulemaking	Charter: NA; Function under SA801A, "Agreement State Participation in NRC Working Groups" Purpose: to develop proposed and final rules and associated guidance for a regulatory framework to license near-term fusion machines	Dennis Andrukat, NRC/NMSS, Lead Rulemaking Project Manager Caylee Kenny, NRC/NMSS Rulemaking Project Manager Duncan White, NRC/NMSS, Technical Lead Allyce Bolger, NRC/NMSS Sheldon Clark, OGC David Reindl, OAS/Wisconsin Jack Priest, OAS/Massachusetts

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8)	WBL Agreement State Onboarding Project	Charter: N/A, Team Sharepoint located here Purpose: To smoothly and efficiently add as many Agreement State regulators to the WBL system as possible and to ensure consistency in source management (licensing/inspection) across the country.	Matt Barrett, NRC/NMSS, Project Manager and Technical Lead Ernesto Quinones, NRC/NMSS, Technical Lead Kim Lukes, NRC/NMSS, Health Physicist, Data Transfer Lead Ariano Munden, NRC/NMSS, Project Manager, Credentialing Lead
9)	Decommissioni ng Financial Assurance for Sealed and Unsealed Radioactive Material	Charter: ML20294A544 Purpose: to develop proposed and final rules and associated supplemental guidance to update the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) rules in Part 30 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 30) for calculating materials licensees' decommissioning funding requirements.	Adam Schwartzman, NRC/NMSS, Technical Lead Gregory Trussell, NRC/NMSS, Rulemaking Project Manager Rajwant Bedi, OAS/California Ken Kline, NRC/NMSS Helen Chang Solomon Sahle, NRC/NMSS Fajr Majeed, NRC/OCIO Sara Forster, NRC/RIII Vince Holahan, NRC/NMSS Cindy Flannery, NRC/NMSS Brian Harris, OGC

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10)	Rulemaking on Exempt Quantities in Section 30.71, "Schedule B"	Charter: ML22105A569 Purpose: The purpose of this working group is to develop a rulemaking plan to request Commission approval to initiate a rulemaking to revise Section 30.71, "Schedule B," to include additional radionuclides that are currently not listed in the table. This table is used along with 10 CFR 30.18, "Exempt Quantities," in determining the need for a specific license. The staff also plans to revise certain sections in 10 CFR Part 30, "Rules of General applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct Material," related to exemptions to make clear when a license is required.	Andrew Carrera, NRC/NMSS; Rulemaking Project Manager Helen Chang, NRC/NMSS Jeffery Lynch, NRC/NMSS Daniel DiMarco, NRC/NMSS Brenda Miles, NRC/OCFO Brian Harris, NRC/OGC Tracy Jue, OAS/CA
11)	Radioactive Waste	Charter: ML22144A410 Purpose: The purpose of this working group is to revise the NRC regulations and guidance for low-level radioactive waste disposal in 10 CFR Part 61 to specify new requirements for GTCC and transuranic waste disposal. This rulemaking will also provide for Agreement State licensing of those GTCC waste streams that meet the regulatory requirements for near-surface disposal and do not present a hazard such that the NRC should retain disposal authority.	George Tartal, NRC/NMSS Cardelia Maupin, NRC/NMSS Priya Yadav, NRC/NMSS Hans Weger, OAS/Texas Duncan White, NRC/NMSS

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12)	Financial Assurance Requirements for Category 1 and 2 Byproduct Material Sealed Sources	Charter: NA; Function under SA801A, "Agreement State Participation in NRC Working Groups" Purpose: The NRC is revising its regulations to require financial assurance for the disposition of Category 1 and 2 byproduct material radioactive sealed sources. This rulemaking will help ensure 1) that licensees are financially prepared for the costs of end-of life disposition of Category 1 and 2 byproduct material radioactive sealed sources, 2) safe and secure management of these sources by facilitating timely disposition when they are no longer needed or wanted, and 3) that dispositioning costs are borne by those who receive the economic benefits from the use of these sources. References: 1) SECY-16-0115, "Rulemaking Plan Financial Assurance for Disposition of Category 1 and 2 Byproduct Material Sealed Sources," dated October 7, 2016 (ML16200A223); 2) SRM to SECY-16-0115 (ML21342A032), dated December 8, 2021.ta	Ryan Whited, Technical Lead; NRC/NMSS Gregory Trussell, Rulemaking Project Manager; NRC/NMSS Brandi O'Brien, OAS/Wyoming
13)	Rulemaking on Rubidium-82 Generators, Emerging Technologies, and Other Medical Use of Byproduct Materials (Rb-EMT)	Charter: ML19309F117 Purpose: The purpose of this working group was to develop a rulemaking plan to identify the emerging medical technologies that can be regulated under 10 CFR Part 35, Subparts D through H, and provide rulemaking options and recommendations to the Commission. In SECY-21-0013, "Rulemaking Plan to Establish Requirements for Rubidium-82 Generators and Emerging Medical Technologies," dated February 9, 2021 (ML20261H562), the NRC sought Commission approval to initiate a rulemaking that would add	Maryann Ayoade, Technical Lead; NRC/NMSS Cindy Flannery, Guidance Lead, NRC/NMSS Andrew Carrera, Rulemaking Project Manager; NRC/NMSS Jason VonEhr, NRC/RI Laura Cender, NRC/RIII Elizabeth Tindle-Engelmann, NRC/RIII Jennifer Scro, NRC/OGC

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		requirements for calibration and dosage measurement for strontium-82/rubidium-82 generators to 10 CFR Part 35 and establish performance-based requirements for existing and future emerging medical technologies licensed under 10 CFR 35.1000. The Commission approved initiation of this rulemaking in the staff requirements memorandum (SRM) to SECY-21-0013, dated January 13, 2022 (ML22013A266). The working group is now developing proposed and final rules, and associated implementing guidance, as approved by the Commission in SRM-SECY-21-0013.	Francis O'Neill, OAS/Vermont Ronald Raunikar, NRC/NMSS Carmen Riviera-Diaz, NRC/OE
14)	Rulemaking on Release of Animals Receiving Treatment Containing Byproduct Material	Charter: ML21299A348 Purpose: The purpose of this working group is to develop a rulemaking plan to request Commission approval to initiate a rulemaking to develop a regulatory framework that would authorize veterinary licensees to release animals containing byproduct material following veterinary procedures (e.g., diagnostic, therapeutic, and research) with appropriate instructions under certain circumstances.	Sarah Spence, Project Manager/Technical Lead, NRC/NMSS Andy Carrera, Rulemaking Project Manager, NRC/NMSS Katie Tapp, NRC/NMSS Brian Allen, NRC/RES Rigel Flora, NRC/RES Robin Elliott, NRC/RI Adam Gendelman, NRC/OGC Adam Gause, OAS/South Carolina

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15)	Extravasations Rulemaking	Charter: ML23081A510 Purpose: The purpose of this WG is	Daniel Dimarco, Technical Lead, NRC/NMSS
		to develop proposed and final rules and associated guidance that would amend Part 35 to include	Irene Wu, Rulemaking Project Manager, NRC/NMSS
		requirements for medical event reporting of extravasations that	Katherine Tapp, NRC/NMSS
		require medical attention for a suspected radiation injury, as	Sarah Spence, NRC/NMSS
		directed by the Commission in SRM-SECY-22-0043, dated December 12,	Brian Allen, NRC/RES
		2022.	Rigel Flora, NRC/RES
			Hiba Ahmed, NRC/RI
			Becki Harisis, OAS/NE
			Dan Ruby, NRC/NMSS
			Sue Woods, NRC/OE
			Maxwell Smith, NRC/OGC
			Jennifer Scro, NRC/OGC
16)	Training and Experience Implementation	Charter: ML23082A024 Purpose: To develop implementation	Cindy Flannery, Technical Lead, NRC/NMSS
	Guidance		Maryann Ayoade, NRC/NMSS
			Daniel Shaw, NRC/NMSS
		subject to T&E requirements in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material.	Elizabeth Tindle-Engelmann, NRC/RIII
		modical ose of Byproduct Material.	

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17)	IMC 1248 Revision	Charter: ML23338A186 Purpose: revise and update the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) qualification guidance for Materials License Reviewer, Inspector, Exempt Distribution License Reviewers, and Byproduct Material Sealed Source and Device Reviewers (IMC 1248 and Appendix A, B, C and D).	Jennifer Dalzell, NRC/NMSS, Chair Sherrie Flaherty, NRC/NMSS Danielle Williams, NRC/NMSS Lymari Sepulveda, NRC/NMSS Netra Patel, Region I Jennifer Dalzell, Region III Kyle Bischoff, Region IV Mohanned Kawasmi, Region IV Linda Howell, Senior Advisor, Region IV Tawny Morgan, North Carolina Catherine Perham, Rhode Island Erin Kennedy, Region III
18)	Uranium Recovery Remediation	Charter: Purpose: complete the requirements assigned in SRM-SECY-23-0055, "Options for Licensing Emerging Technologies Used for Remediation of Mine Waste" (ML24269A245) by developing guidance for remediation of abandoned uranium mine sites using a service provider licensing framework.	Huda Akhavannik, NRC/NMSS, Co-Chair Douglas Mandeville, NRC/NMSS, Co-Chair Sandra Talley, NRC/NMSS, member Danielle Williams, NRC/NMSS, member Christine Pineda, NRC/NMSS, member Duncan White, NRC/NMSS, advisor Adam Gendelman, NRC/OGC, member

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		Jim Grice, Colorado, advisor
		Shiya Wang, Colorado, advisor
		Stevie Norcross, Utah, advisor
		Kristen Schwab, Washington, advisor
		Megan Aunan, Washington, advisor
		Brandi O'Brien, Wyoming, advisor

¹ Typically only the working group and/or steering committee chair, co-chairs, and all Agreement State members are listed. This column does not list every working group member