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PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (STC-25-020)

Purpose: To notify you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a *Federal Register* notice (FRN) requesting comments on the proposed Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the NRC.

Background: Governor Ned Lamont, on behalf of the State of Connecticut, has submitted a request that the NRC enter into an Agreement with the State pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA). Under the proposed Agreement, the Commission would discontinue, and the State of Connecticut would assume, regulatory authority within the State over the responsibility of byproduct material as defined in Sections 11e.(1), 11e.(3), and 11e.(4) of the AEA, source material, and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass.

Additional information on the Connecticut application to become an Agreement State can be found at the following link: <u>https://www.nrc.gov/agreement-states/connecticut/connecticut-agreement-process.html</u>.

Discussion: In the FRN, the NRC staff includes the proposed Agreement with the State of Connecticut and also summarizes its assessment of the Connecticut program for exercising regulatory authority over byproduct material, source material, and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass. This draft assessment was originally provided to the NRC Commission in Enclosure 2 to SECY-25-0010, "Proposed Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Commission Pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended" (ML24327A237). The NRC staff updated the draft assessment (ML25070A186) based on direction from SRM-SECY-25-0010 (ML25069A705).

The FRN, for your consideration, can be found at the following link: <u>90 FR 12795</u>. **The** comment period ends April 18, 2025.

If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact me or the individuals named below:

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