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NRC Considering Connecticut's Request to Become an Agreement State

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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a request from Connecticut for the NRC to discontinue, and for Connecticut to assume, regulatory authority over certain radioactive materials in the state. If the request is approved, Connecticut will become the 40th state to sign such an agreement with the NRC.

Under the proposed agreement, Connecticut would accept the responsibility for licensing, rulemaking, inspection and enforcement activities related to the industrial, medical and academic uses of radioactive material. The NRC would transfer 104 specific licenses for radioactive material to Connecticut's jurisdiction.

By law, the NRC would retain jurisdiction over the Millstone Power Station, as well as federal agencies using certain nuclear material in the state.

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

The proposed agreement between the NRC and Connecticut, and a summary of the NRC staff's draft assessment of the Connecticut program, was published March 19, 2025, for public comment in the <u>Federal Register</u> and will be repeated weekly for four weeks. Comments may be submitted through April 18, 2025, on the federal government's <u>rulemaking website</u> under Docket ID NRC-2025-0010.

Copies of the proposed agreement and supporting documents, and the NRC draft staff assessment, are available on the <u>NRC website</u>.

More information about the Agreement State program is available on the NRC's website.