

**POLICY ISSUE**  
**NOTATION VOTE**

**RESPONSE SHEET**

**TO:** Carrie M. Safford, Secretary  
**FROM:** Commissioner Crowell  
**SUBJECT:** SECY-26-0053: Proposed Agreement Between the State of Indiana and the Commission Pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended

Approved  X  Disapproved       Abstain       Not Participating      

**COMMENTS:** Below  X  Attached  X  None      

I approve publication of the proposed Agreement with the State of Indiana in the *Federal Register* for public comment, subject to the attached edits. I commend the efforts of staff from the NRC and the State of Indiana for their work on developing the proposed Agreement, including the extensive engagement with Tribal governments.

**Entered in STAR**

Yes  X

No      

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**Signature**

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2026-1387]**

**State of Indiana: NRC Staff Assessment of a Proposed Agreement Between the  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Indiana**

[BRC edits](#)

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed state agreement; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:**

As required by Section 274e. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is publishing the proposed Agreement for public comment (Appendix A). The NRC is also publishing the summary of a draft assessment by the NRC staff of the State of Indiana's regulatory program. Comments are requested on the proposed Agreement and its effect on public health and safety. Comments are also requested on the draft staff assessment, the adequacy of the State of Indiana's program, and the adequacy of the staffing of the State's program, as discussed in this document.

**DATES:** Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal Rulemaking**

**Website:**

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-1387. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email:

of Indiana law contains provisions for the orderly transfer of regulatory authority over affected licenses from the NRC to the State. In a letter received January 29, 2026, Governor Braun certified that the State of Indiana has a program for the control of radiation hazards that is adequate to protect public health and safety within the State of Indiana for the materials and activities specified in the proposed Agreement, and that the State desires to assume regulatory responsibility for these materials and activities. After the effective date of the Agreement, licenses issued by the NRC would continue in effect as State of Indiana licenses until the licenses expire or are replaced by State-issued licenses.

(d) The draft staff assessment finds that the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and Radioactive Materials Control Program (RMCP) is adequate to protect public health and safety and is compatible with the NRC's regulatory program for the regulation of Agreement materials. However, the NRC staff identified several [limited sections section-specific inconsistencies of within](#) the Indiana Radioactive Materials regulations that were not [fully compatible with the corresponding NRC requirements](#). In communications dated January 21, 2026 ([ML26026A076](#)), and February 27, 2026 ([ML26068A068](#)), [the State of Indiana committed to making the necessary compatibility changes in the next rulemaking](#).

**Summary of the Draft NRC Staff Assessment of the State of Indiana's Program for the Regulation of Agreement Materials**

The NRC staff has examined the State of Indiana's request for an Agreement with respect to the ability of the State's radiation control program to regulate Agreement materials. The examination was based on the Commission's Policy Statement, "Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof by States Through Agreement," (46 FR 7540, January 23, 1981, as

This Agreement does not provide for the discontinuance of any authority, and the Commission shall retain authority and responsibility, with respect to:

1. The regulation of the construction, operation, and decommissioning of any production or utilization facility or any uranium enrichment facility;
2. The regulation of byproduct material as defined in Section 11e.(2) of the Act;
3. The regulation of the export from or import into the United States of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material, or of any production or utilization facility;
4. The regulation of the disposal into the ocean or sea of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material waste as defined in regulations or orders of the Commission;
5. The regulation of the disposal of such other byproduct, source, or special nuclear material as the Commission determines by regulation or order should, because of the hazards or potential hazards thereof, not be so disposed without a license from the Commission;
6. The evaluation of radiation safety information on sealed sources or devices containing byproduct, source, or special nuclear material and the registration of the sealed sources or devices for distribution, as provided for in regulations or orders of the Commission;
7. The regulation of activities not exempt from Commission regulation as stated in 10 CFR Part 150; and
8. The regulation of the land disposal of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material received from other persons;

**Commented [A1]:** Change the numbers in Article II to letters to be consistent with language in Article III. Please correct.