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PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: REVISION OF 10 CFR PARTS 40, 75, 110 AND 150 (SP-99-075)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising 10 CFR Parts 40, 75, 110 and 150 with regard to "International Safeguards Access and Reporting Requirements for Licensees Possessing Source and Special Nuclear Material."

Part 75 OF 10 CFR contains requirements to ensure that under the US-International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Agreements the United States meets its nuclear non-proliferation obligations. These revisions will extend IAEA safeguards (under the new Protocol) to include source and special nuclear material not currently covered. Safeguards requirements will be established, in the revised regulations, for Agreement State licensees that possess specified quantities of source and special nuclear material to ensure compliance with the new Protocol. In general, this Protocol will affect the following types of facilities: (1) uranium mines and concentration plants; (2) thorium concentration plants; (3) any location with more than 10 metric tons of uranium; (4) any location with more than 20 metric tons of thorium; (5) any location with more than 1 metric ton of uranium or thorium; (6) any location exporting more than 10 metric tons of uranium; (7) any location exporting more than 20 metric tons of thorium; (8) any location importing more than 10 metric tons of uranium; (9) any location importing more than 20 metric tons of thorium; and (10) any location conducting fuel cycle related research and development activities.

Please note that since the 10 metric ton limit for uranium and the 20 metric ton limit for thorium applies to the entire country, we will be looking at any individual facility which possesses more than 1 metric ton of uranium or thorium.

We are requesting your assistance in identifying selected source material licensees in your State, which meet the above listed criteria. Please send us your list of these licensees by name, address, license number, license type or category, contact and telephone number. We would appreciate receiving this information by December 17, 1999. In the near future, you can expect to receive a draft rulemaking plan, on "International Safeguards Access and Reporting Requirements for Licensees Possessing Source and Special Nuclear Material," for review and comment. After the Agreement State comment period has ended, and the Commission has approved the rulemaking plan, the final rulemaking plan and rule language will be placed on the NRC's Technical Conference Forum for public review and comment.

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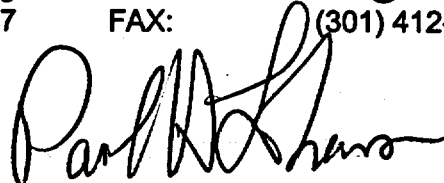
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