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**Evaluation of Agreement State
Radiation Control Programs**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Implementation of the
Integrated Materials Performance
Evaluation Program and rescission of a
final general statement of policy.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC) is implementing the
Integrated Materials Performance
Evaluation Program (IMPEP) for the
evaluation of Agreement State programs.
NRC is rescinding the May 28, 1992,
General Statement of Policy "Guidelines
for NRC Review of Agreement State
Radiation Control Programs, 1992,"
since it is now superseded.

The NRC has issued the final policy
statements: "Statement of Principles
and Policy for the Agreement State
Program" and "Policy Statement on the
Adequacy and Compatibility of
Agreement State Programs," (See 62 FR
46517; September 3, 1997). Conforming
revisions to IMPEP in connection with
these two policy statements have been
completed and are reflected in the
implementing procedure, Management
Directive 5.6, Integrated Materials
Performance Evaluation Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a single copy of Management Directive 5.6 by contacting Nancy Belmore, Office of State Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Document Control Desk, P1-37, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301)-415-2326.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1995, NRC implemented, on an interim basis, a process to evaluate NRC regional licensing and inspection programs and Agreement State radiation control programs that regulate the use of radioactive materials in an integrated manner using common performance indicators (see 60 FR 54734; October 25, 1995). The NRC staff conducted the interim program using Management Directive 5.6, "Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program" dated September 12, 1995. On June 30, 1997, the Commission approved SECY-97-054, Final Recommendations on Policy Statements and Implementing Procedures for: "Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program" and "Policy Statement on the Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs." NRC is implementing IMPEP with the corresponding revisions as a result of the final policy statements. The revised Management Directive is currently being prepared in final form to incorporate the final policy statements and comments received during interim implementation of IMPEP from the Regions and the Agreement States.

NRC is rescinding the May 28, 1992, "NRC Review of Agreement State Radiation Control Programs: Final General Statement of Policy," on October 1, 1997. This policy is superseded by IMPEP, which is no longer considered an interim program.

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT FAIRNESS ACT: In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that Management Directive 5.6 is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated at Rockville Maryland this 7th day of October, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
John C. Hoyle,
Secretary of the Commission.