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## NRC Reviews Indiana's Bid to Become 41st Agreement State

**Rockville, Md.** — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is reviewing Indiana's request to assume regulatory authority over certain radioactive materials used in medicine, industry and research, a step that would make Indiana the 41st state to join the NRC [Agreement State Program](#).

If approved, Indiana would take responsibility for licensing, inspection and enforcement for approximately 200 users of radioactive materials, including hospitals, universities and industrial facilities. The NRC would retain authority over about 20 licenses, as well as federal agencies and specific materials as required by law.

"This agreement would allow Indiana to take on a greater role in regulating radioactive materials while maintaining the strong safety and security standards the public expects," NRC Chairman Ho K. Nieh said.

Agreement States regulate the use of radioactive materials under NRC oversight, allowing states to implement programs that meet federal requirements while addressing local needs.

Before approving the request, the NRC must determine that Indiana's program is adequate to protect public health and safety and compatible with federal regulations.

The NRC has published the [proposed agreement](#) and its draft assessment of Indiana's program in the Federal Register and is seeking public comment through June 15 under Docket ID NRC-2026-1387.

More information, including the proposed agreement and supporting documents, is available on the NRC [website](#).

*The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.*