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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SECY-03-0126 "RISK-INFORMED REGULATION FOR THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS: STATUS REPORT AND PLAN FOR FUTURE WORK" (STP-03-064)

We are seeking comments on SECY-03-0126, which presents the status of NRC's progress in risk-informing the materials and waste arenas. SECY-03-0126 has been posted on the Technical Conference Forum (TCF) in the limited access area for Agreement States. The purpose of SECY-03-0126 is to: (1) inform the Commission of the value and status of activities associated with risk-informing the materials and waste regulatory activities; (2) provide the staff's plan for continuing work to risk-inform the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) regulatory activities; and (3) obtain Commission approval of the staff's plan to proceed with risk-informing the materials and waste regulatory activities.

Representatives from NRC's Risk Task Group will be available at the 2003 Organization of Agreement States Annual Meeting to answer questions on SECY-03-0126 and to present a poster titled "Risk Informing the Materials and Waste Arenas."

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