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DRAFT NRC GUIDE ON MINIMIZATION OF RAD WASTE FOR COMMENT (FSME-07-082)

Purpose: To inform States of the availability of a draft Regulatory Guide for review and comment; DG-4012, 'Minimization of Contamination and Radioactive Waste Generation - Life Cycle Planning,' (Enclosure 1) **Comments are requested by November 1, 2007.**

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment on July 31, 2007 a draft guide in the Agency's Regulatory Guide Series. See: *Federal Register*, Vol. 72, No. 146, pg. 41794, <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/retrieve.html>, (Enclosure 2) The final rule for "Radiological Criteria for License Termination," includes specific requirements in 10 CFR 20.1406, "Minimization of Contamination," (Compatibility Category C) for the submission of information by license applicants with regard to design and operational procedures for minimizing contamination of the facility and environment and for minimizing radioactive waste generation and facilitating decommissioning. The purpose of this regulatory guide is to present guidance that will assist license applicants in effectively implementing this licensing requirement.

Discussion: The NRC staff is soliciting comments on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4012. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data, and should mention DG-4012 in the subject line.

Action: Please review and comment on the enclosed draft Regulatory Guide by November 1, 2007. Comments should be submitted to the individual named below.

If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact me at 301-415-7278 or the individual named below.

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Enclosure:

1. DG-4012
2. *Federal Register* Notice

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