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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 7, REVISION 1, "CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ABOUT ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER LICENSES OF LIMITED SCOPE INCLUDING ELECTRON CAPTURE DEVICES AND X-RAY FLUORESCENCE ANALYZERS" (FSME-14-013)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with the opportunity to comment* on the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) draft NUREG-1556, Volume 7, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Academic, Research and Development, and Other Licenses of Limited Scope Including Electron Capture Devices and X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzers."

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. The NRC originally published NUREG-1556, Volume 7, in December 1999. The document is intended for use by applicants, licensees and NRC staff, and is also available to the Agreement States.

Discussion: NUREG-1556, Volume 7, Revision 1, has been updated by a working group made up of NRC and Agreement State representatives, to include safety culture, security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information and changes in regulatory policies and practices. The notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 4361) on January 27, 2014:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-01-27/pdf/2014-01487.pdf>

The draft volume can also be found on the NRC's public Web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/>

The comment period ends on February 26, 2014. Please follow the directions in the *Federal Register* regarding comments. We look forward to receiving your input.

*This information request has previously been approved by OMB 3150-0029 and was resubmitted to OMB for review of continued approval of information collection. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 8 hours. Send comments regarding the burden estimate to the Records and Information Services Branch (T-5F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0200), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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