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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 17, REVISION 1,  
"CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC  
GUIDANCE ABOUT SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL OF LESS THAN CRITICAL MASS  
LICENSES" (STC-17-011)

**Purpose:** To provide Agreement States the opportunity to comment on the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards draft NUREG-1556, Volume 17, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Special Nuclear Material of Less Than Critical Mass Licenses."

**Background:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. The NRC published NUREG-1556, Volume 17 in November 2000. The document is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and NRC staff; and is also available to the Agreement States.

**Discussion:** NUREG-1556, Volume 17, Revision 1, was updated by a working group comprised of NRC and Agreement State representatives to discuss safety culture, security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information, and changes in regulatory policies and practices. The volume was also reviewed by a steering committee made up of NRC management, an Agreement State manager, and NRC legal staff. The notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 8547) on January 26, 2017:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-26/pdf/2017-01808.pdf>

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

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

The draft volume is also available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System using Accession No. ML17012A346.

The comment period for this document, which was chosen following consultation with the Organization of Agreement States, ends on Friday, March 3, 2017. Please follow the directions in the *Federal Register* regarding comments. We look forward to receiving your input.

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