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Mr. John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

Enclosed are additional comments submitted by the Organization of Agreement States on the U.S. NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative, specific to Direction Setting Issue Paper #24-- "Power Reactor Decommissioning".

Sincerely,

Robert M. Quillin, Chair
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Enclosure: as stated

cf: Office of State Programs

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DIRECTION SETTING ISSUE 24

"POWER REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING"

Issue

What should be NRC's strategy for regulating decommissioning activities at power reactor sites?

Preferred Option

Option 3 -- It is recommended that the NRC move slowly in implementing its current rulemaking approaches. We support the concept of revisiting the approach to setting residual contamination criteria and review scenarios independent of the EPA. Given that the NRC's approach to this issue is heavily influenced by its apparent need for agreement with the EPA, and given that the NRC needs to fully consider the options for October 21, 1996