

# NRC & Agreement State Working Groups

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According to NRC Management Directive 5.3, “It is the policy of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide Agreement State programs the opportunity for early and substantive involvement in the development or formulation of any rule, policy, directive or guidance document, as well as participation in any special study or other NRC activity...” In alignment with this policy, the NRC includes Agreement State representatives in many working groups which enhance the partnership between the NRC and the Agreement States, facilitate the utilization of expertise that exists in the Agreement States, and support the National Materials Program. The purpose of this document is to provide a complete and concise list of the NRC working groups that field participants from the Agreement States.

Working Group Title	Charter and/or Purpose	Select Members <sup>1</sup>
Standing Committee on Compatibility	<p><b>Charter:</b> ADAMS Accession No. ML12296A075</p> <p>State Agreements (SA) Procedure, SA-202: <i>Review of Regulations and Other Program Elements by the Standing Committee on Compatibility</i> (ML21081A103)</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> To enhance the existing compatibility determination process, evaluate and document compatibility designations for program elements pursuant to Management Directive 5.9, ensure consistency during promulgation of regulations by documenting decisions on compatibility and their basis, and take into account implementation issues and NRC staff’s review of Agreement State regulations under the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP).</p>	<p>Duncan White, NRC/NMSS Co-Chair</p> <p>Philip Peterson, OAS/ Colorado Co-Chair</p> <p>Angela Leek, OAS/Iowa</p>

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<sup>1</sup> Typically only the working group and/or steering committee chair, co-chairs, and all Agreement State members are listed. This column does not list every working group member.

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<p>Common Prioritization of Rulemaking (CPR) Working Group</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML18263A070</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The CPR uses the methodology based on the two NRC strategic goals of safety and security, and it also considers factors for internal and external influences. The methodology requires the selection of a primary and a secondary strategic goal that the rulemaking is intended to support and the selection of the rulemaking activity's level of contribution—high, medium, or low— to accomplishing those goals. The prioritization methodology has been revised to consider the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Alexa Sieracki, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Philip Peterson, OAS/Colorado</p>
<p>Standing Committee on the Review of Emerging Medical Technologies</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML22159A317</a></p> <p>Interim State Agreements (SA) Procedure, SA-802: <i>Standing Committee for Reviewing Emerging Medical Technologies</i> (<a href="#">ML22269A549</a>)</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> This standing committee will serve to help ensure consistency across all emerging medical technology licensing guidance documents, provide more flexibility, and help to prioritize the reviews by considering available resources, and consider the timeline of the NRC review relative to the reviews by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the Agreement States.</p>	<p>Celimar Valentin-Rodriguez, Co-Chair, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Karen Flanigan, State of New Jersey</p> <p>Elizabeth Tindle-Engelmann, NRC/Region III</p> <p>Tison Campbell, NRC/OGC (Licensing)</p> <p>Brian Harris, NRC/OGC (Rulemaking and Agreement States)</p> <p>Ken Brenneman, NRC (Coordinator)</p>

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<p>Licensing of a New Technetium-99m Production Generator</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML14304A347</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> To evaluate the need to develop licensing guidance for the RadioGenix™ system (functionally known as TechneGen Generating System), a new technetium-99m (Tc- 99m) generator developed by NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes, LLC (NorthStar).</p>	<p>Cindy Flannery, NRC/NMSS Co-Chair</p> <p>Mark Paulson, OAS/Wisconsin Co-Chair</p> <p>Elaine Crescenzi, OAS/Pennsylvania</p> <p>Karl Von Ahn, OAS/Texas</p>
<p>Joint NRC/Agreement State Working Group IMC 2800 Phase Three</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML19338E145</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> To recommend and implement Phase Three of the modern risk-informed approaches to the materials inspection program, in a way that will not diminish the protection of public health and safety or security of licensed material.</p> <p>To enhance the inspection program and incorporate new – or evaluate existing – risk and performance insights into the program.</p> <p>To explore additional options to leverage the collective inspection/oversight efforts of the National Materials Program.</p> <p>To incorporate strategies to address low safety-significant issues in the inspection program, processes, and procedures.</p>	<p>Leira Cuadrado, NRC/NMSS Co-Chair</p> <p>Augustinus Ong, OAS/New Hampshire, Co-Chair</p> <p>Amy Ford, OAS/Tennessee</p> <p>Steve Mack, OAS/Arkansas</p>

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<p>10 CFR Part 71 – Harmonization of Transportation Safety Requirements – Rulemaking Working Group</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML19240A311</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The Harmonization of Transportation Safety Requirements rulemaking working group is developing a proposed rule package that would harmonize the NRC’s transportation safety requirements in 10 CFR Part 71 domestically with those of DOT in 49 CFR and internationally with those of IAEA in SSR-6, 2012 and 2018 editions.</p>	<p>James Firth, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Katie Scott, OAS/Pennsylvania</p> <p>Bernie White, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>David Pstrak, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Drew Barto, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Jeremy Tapp, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Michelle Beardsley, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Sheldon Clark, NRC/OGC</p> <p>Helen Chang, NRC/NMSS</p>
<p>Ground Water Protection at Uranium In Situ Recovery (ISR) Facilities Rulemaking</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML20294A394. (Draft)</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> These rulemaking actions would establish regulations specific to ground water protection at uranium ISR facilities, which are currently reflected in the NRC’s ISR licenses, and are expected to ensure that groundwater is adequately protected during and after completion of ISR operations and improve regulatory efficiency and be consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for drinking water.</p>	<p>George Tartal, NRC/NMSS/REFS</p> <p>David Hastings, OAS/Texas (TCEQ)</p> <p>Reid Brown, OAS/Wyoming (DEQ)</p> <p>Caylee Kenny, NRC/NMSS/REFS</p> <p>John Saxton, NRC/NMSS/DUWP</p> <p>Doug Mandeville, NRC/NMSS/DUWP</p> <p>Andy Pessin, NRC/OGC</p> <p>Angela Love-Blair, NRC/NMSS/REFS</p>

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<p>Limited Revision of Abnormal Occurrence Criteria</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML21167A348</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The working group (WG) will develop and propose a limited revision to the Commission of the abnormal occurrence (AO) criteria in the medical event and source security areas only, to align these criteria with events that are significant from the standpoint of public health and safety.</p>	<p>Kerstun Norman, NRC/RES Co-Chair</p> <p>Jennifer McAllister, OAS/Oklahoma Co-Chair</p> <p>Stuart Jordan, OAS/Iowa</p> <p>Kathryn Cloud, OAS/Tennessee</p> <p>Cindy Flannery, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Anita Gray, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Sue Woods, NRC/OE</p> <p>Duane White, NRC/NSIR</p> <p>Monica Ford, NRC/RI</p> <p>Farrah Gaskins, NRC/RI</p> <p>Anne DeFrancisco, NRC/RI</p> <p>Joel Rivera Ortiz, NRC/RII</p> <p>Shane Sandal, NRC/RII</p> <p>Darren Piccirillo, NRC/RIII</p> <p>Ryan Alexander, NRC/RIV</p>
<p>Fusion Energy Systems</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML20288A251</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to provide the Commission with an options paper for a technology inclusive regulatory framework for fusion energy systems by the end of 2022.</p>	<p>Andrew Profitt, NRC/NRR, Lead</p> <p>Duncan White, NRC/NMSS</p> <p>Diego Saenz, OAS/Wisconsin</p> <p>Scott Landry, OAS/California</p>

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<p>Integrated Radioactive Source Security and Accountability Rulemaking Project</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML19178A203</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to develop a rulemaking plan to address to improve regulatory framework and address issues by internal and external groups.</p>	<p>Anita Gray, NRC/NMSS, Project Manager and Technical Lead</p> <p>George Smith, NRC/NMSS, Technical Lead</p> <p>Torre Taylor, NRC/NMSS, Rulemaking Project Manager</p> <p>Pamela Noto, NRC/NMSS, Cost Analyst</p> <p>Angela Coggins, NRC/OGC, Legal Support</p> <p>Phillip Peterson, OAS/Colorado</p> <p>Derek Elling, OAS/Iowa</p>
<p>WBL Agreement State Onboarding Project</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> N/A, Team Sharepoint located <a href="#">here</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to smoothly and efficiently add as many Agreement State regulators to the WBL system as possible, to ensure consistency in source management (licensing/inspection) across the country.</p>	<p>Gina Davis, NRC/NMSS, Project Manager and Technical Lead</p> <p>Adelaide Giantelli, NRC/NMSS, Technical Lead</p> <p>Kim Lukes, NRC/NMSS, Health Physicist, Data Transfer Lead</p> <p>Matt Barrett, NRC/NMSS, Health Physicist, Training Lead</p> <p>Linda Eusebio, NRC/NMSS, Source Analyst, Credentialing Lead</p>

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<p>Decommissioning Financial Assurance for Sealed and Unsealed Radioactive Material</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML20294A544</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to develop proposed and final rules and associated supplemental guidance to update the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) rules in Part 30 of Title 10 of the <i>Code of Federal Regulations</i> (10 CFR Part 30) for calculating materials licensees' decommissioning funding requirements.</p>	<p>Adam Schwartzman, Technical Lead -NRC/NMSS/DUWP</p> <p>Gregory Trussell, NRC/NMSS/REFS Rulemaking Project Manager</p> <p>Rajwant Bedi, OAS/California</p> <p>Don Lowman, NRC/NMSS/MSST</p> <p>Ken Kline, NRC/NMSS/REFS</p> <p>Michelle Beardsley, NRC/NMSS/MSST</p> <p>Sara Forster, NRC/RIII/DNMS</p> <p>Vince Holahan, NRC/NMSS/MSST</p> <p>Cindy Flannery, NRC/NMSS/MSST</p>
<p>Fuel Cycle, Uranium Recovery, and Materials Decommissioning Inspection Program Working Group</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML21061A344; Addendum to Charter: ML21223A407; Second addendum to Charter: ML22136A093</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to (1) design a fuel cycle and materials decommissioning inspection program that is both risk-informed and performance-based; (2) incorporate the decommissioning program requirements for uranium recovery and 11e.(2) byproduct material sites from IMCs 2641 and 2801 into IMC 2602; (3) update IMC 2602 and associated inspection procedures accordingly; and (4) provide training and introductory seminars for stakeholders (NRC staff, the Agreement States, and other stakeholders) prior to implementation of the revised inspection program.</p>	<p>Rob Evans, NRC/RIV/DNMS, Working Group Chair</p> <p>Joe Power, OAS/New Jersey, Working Group Member</p> <p>Bill Irwin, OAS/Vermont, Guiding Coalition Member</p>

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<p>Future of the National Materials Program Working Group</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML22112A112</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> Its purpose is to evaluate and make recommendations on the future structure and function of the NMP based on the expected number of Agreement State and NRC licensees. The WG's evaluations and recommendations will be documented in a standalone report and/or notation vote (or informational) paper to be provided to the Commission in March 2023.</p>	<p>Huda Akhavannik, (NMSS/MSST), NRC Co-Chair</p> <p>Michelle Beardsley (NMSS/MSST), NRC Alternate Co-Chair</p> <p>Auggie Ong (NH), OAS Co-Chair</p> <p>Leira Cuadrado (NMSS/MSST)</p> <p>Keisha Cornelius (OK)</p> <p>Tracy Jue (CA)</p> <p>Zubaida Gulshan (CA)</p> <p>Brian Harris (OGC)</p> <p>Farrah Gaskins (Region 1)</p> <p>Jenni Dalzell (Region III)</p> <p>Sara Forster (Region III)</p> <p>Randy Erickson (Region IV)</p> <p>Allyce Bolger (Region IV)</p> <p>Duncan White (NMSS/MSST), Advisor</p>



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<p>Rulemaking on Exempt Quantities in Section 30.71, "Schedule B"</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML22105A569</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose of this working group is to develop a rulemaking plan to request Commission approval to initiate a rulemaking to revise Section 30.71, "Schedule B," to include additional radionuclides that are currently not listed in the table. This table is used along with 10 CFR 30.18, "Exempt Quantities," in determining the need for a specific license. The staff also plans to revise certain sections in 10 CFR Part 30, "Rules of General applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct Material," related to exemptions to make clear when a license is required.</p>	<p>Shirley Xu, NRC/NMSS/MSST; Technical Lead</p> <p>Torre Taylor, NRC/NMSS/REFS; Rulemaking Project Manager</p> <p>Helen Chang, NMSS</p> <p>Alexa Sieracki, NMSS</p> <p>Jeffery Lynch, NMSS</p> <p>Betsy Ullrich, RI</p> <p>Brenda Miles, OCFO</p> <p>Brian Harris, OGC</p> <p>Tracy Jue, OAS/CA</p>
<p>Integrated Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Rulemaking</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML22144A410</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose of this working group is to develop proposed and final rules, and associated implementing guidance, to revise the NRC regulations for low-level radioactive waste disposal in 10 CFR Part 61 and to specify new requirements related to GTCC and transuranic waste disposal. This integrated rulemaking will also provide for Agreement State licensing of those GTCC waste streams that meet the regulatory requirements for near-surface disposal and do not present a hazard such that the NRC should retain disposal authority.</p>	<p>Irene Wu, NRC/NMSS/REFS</p> <p>George Tartal, NRC/NMSS/REFS</p> <p>Cardelia Maupin, NRC/NMSS/DUWP</p> <p>Priya Yadav, NRC/NMSS/DUWP</p> <p>Hans Weger, OAS/Texas</p> <p>Ashley McDermott, OAS/New York</p>

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<p>Financial Assurance Requirements for Category 1 and 2 Byproduct Material Sealed Sources</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> NA; Function under SA801A, "Agreement State Participation in NRC Working Groups"</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The NRC is revising its regulations to require financial assurance for the disposition of Category 1 and 2 byproduct material radioactive sealed sources. This rulemaking will help ensure 1) that licensees are financially prepared for the costs of end-of life disposition of Category 1 and 2 byproduct material radioactive sealed sources, 2) safe and secure management of these sources by facilitating timely disposition when they are no longer needed or wanted, and 3) that dispositioning costs are borne by those who receive the economic benefits from the use of these sources. References: 1) SECY-16-0115, "Rulemaking Plan Financial Assurance for Disposition of Category 1 and 2 Byproduct Material Sealed Sources," dated October 7, 2016 (<a href="#">ML16200A223</a>); 2) SRM to SECY-16-0115 (<a href="#">ML21342A032</a>), dated December 8, 2021.</p>	<p>Ryan Whited, Technical Lead; NMSS/DUWP/LLWPB</p> <p>Torre Taylor, Rulemaking Project Manager; NMSS/REFS/MRPB</p> <p>Ashley McDermott, OAS/New York</p> <p>Brandi O'Brien, OAS/Wyoming</p>

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<p>Rulemaking Plan on Updates for Emerging Medical Technologies</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> <a href="#">ML19309F117</a></p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose of this working group was to develop a rulemaking plan to identify the emerging medical technologies that can be regulated under 10 CFR Part 35, Subparts D through H, and provide rulemaking options and recommendations to the Commission. In SECY-21-0013, "Rulemaking Plan to Establish Requirements for Rubidium-82 Generators and Emerging Medical Technologies," dated February 9, 2021 (ML20261H562), the NRC sought Commission approval to initiate a rulemaking that would add requirements for calibration and dosage measurement for strontium-82/rubidium-82 generators to 10 CFR Part 35 and establish performance-based requirements for existing and future emerging medical technologies licensed under 10 CFR 35.1000. The Commission approved initiation of this rulemaking in the staff requirements memorandum (SRM) to SECY-21-0013, dated January 13, 2022 (ML22013A266). The working group is now developing proposed and final rules, and associated implementing guidance, as approved by the Commission in SRM-SECY-21-0013.</p>	<p>Maryann Ayoade, Technical Lead; NMSS/MSST/MSEB</p> <p>Torre Taylor, Rulemaking Project Manager; NMSS/REFS/MRPB</p> <p>Sarah Lopas, NMSS/MSST/MSEB</p> <p>Monica Ford, RI/DRSS</p> <p>Laura Cender, RIII/DRSS/MLB</p> <p>Elizabeth Tindle-Englemann, RIII/DRSS/MIB</p> <p>Brian Harris, OGC/RAF</p> <p>Francis O'Neill, OAS/Vermont</p>

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<p>Veterinary Release Rulemaking</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML21299A348</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose of this working group is to develop a rulemaking plan to request Commission approval to initiate a rulemaking to develop a regulatory framework that would authorize veterinary licensees to release animals containing byproduct material following veterinary procedures (e.g., diagnostic, therapeutic, and research) with appropriate instructions under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Andy Carrera, Technical Lead, NMSS/REFS/MRPB</p> <p>Caylee Kenny, Rulemaking Project Manager, NMSS/REFS/MRPB</p> <p>Katie Tapp, NMSS/MSST/MSEB</p> <p>Angela Love-Blair, NMSS/REFS</p> <p>Pamela Noto, NMSS/REFS</p> <p>Robin Elliott, RI/DRSS/MLAB</p> <p>Adam Gendelman, OGC</p> <p>Adam Gause, OAS/South Carolina</p>
<p>Assessing the Ability to Monitor NMP Performance</p>	<p><b>Charter:</b> ML22305A688</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> to evaluate whether the current Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) process provides for the proactive assessment of the NMP radiation control programs (RCPs) performance. The WG's evaluations and recommendations will be briefed to senior U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Program (NRC) managers and the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) board and documented in a standalone memorandum to NRC management in July 2023.</p>	<p>Sherrie Flaherty, Co-Chair, NMSS/MSST</p> <p>Santiago Rodriguez, Co-Chair, OAS/NM</p> <p>Robert Johnson, NMSS/MSST</p> <p>Huda Akhavannik, NMSS/MSST</p> <p>Duncan White, NMSS/MSST</p> <p>Keisha Cornelius, OAS/OK</p> <p>Dravid Crowley, OAS/NC</p> <p>Beth Shelton, OAS/TN</p> <p>Brian Harris, NRC/OGC</p> <p>Farrah Gaskins, NRC/RI</p> <p>Lizette Roldan-Otero, NRC/RIV</p>

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