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OTHER INFORMATION: AVAILABILITY OF NATIONAL MATERIALS PROGRAM WORKING GROUP REPORT (STP- 01-057)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of the final report of the National Materials Program Working Group.

In November 1999, the Commission directed the formation of a Working Group composed of representatives from NRC, the Agreement States, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., (CRCPD) and the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) to examine the impacts of the increasing number of Agreement States and to develop options for a national materials program for the Commission's consideration. The Working Group, consisting of six representatives from the States, six NRC representatives and an NRC advisor, began work in early 2000.

Following identification of common radiation control program elements, the Working Group developed and evaluated a range of possible options for a national program. After defining the current national regulatory program, five other options were developed and evaluated. Options ranged from allowing all States to independently regulate all radioactive materials without Federal oversight to a structure with a single Federal regulatory entity having jurisdiction over all radioactive material in the United States.

The Working Group's report and the SECY paper are available at the STP Web site at "What's New," http://www.hsrd.ornl.gov/nrc/whatsnew.htm or "National Materials Program," http://www.hsrd.ornl.gov/nrc/materials.htm on the tool bar.

Printed copies of the report will be mailed to State Radiation Control Program Directors.

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