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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF CESIUM-137 CHLORIDE SOURCES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING (FSME-10-084)

Purpose: To notify the Agreement States that a draft policy statement on the protection of cesium-137 chloride (CsCl) sources was published in the Federal Register on June 29, 2010 (75 FR 37483) to solicit public input on the major issues associated with the draft policy to reduce the risk to individuals, society, and the environment. Also, we request that Agreement State Programs inform their affected licensees of the opportunity to review and comment on this draft policy statement.*

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering adopting a statement of policy on the protection of CsCl sources. This statement would provide the Commission's policy regarding secure uses of these sources at the present and express the Commission's potential actions in the event that changes in the threat environment necessitate these actions. The purpose of this policy statement is to delineate the Commission's expectations for security and safety of these sources. This draft policy statement is being issued for public comment. Additionally, the NRC is conducting a public meeting to solicit public input on major issues associated with the draft policy statement regarding the current use of certain forms of Cs-137 sources used by NRC and Agreement State-licensees.

The draft policy statement was published in the *Federal Register* (75 FR 37483) on June 29, 2010. It is posted at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2010-0209. The public comment period ends December 17, 2010.

Discussion: The Public Meeting will be held on November 8-9, 2010 (not on November 16-17, 2010, as tentatively scheduled in the *Federal Register*) at [The Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center](#), 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850-5822. Through the facility's website, you can find information about nearby [hotel accommodations](#) as well as access to [public transportation](#). Shortly, we will publish a second notice in the *Federal Register* to announce the meeting agenda and an Issues Paper which will list the discussion points for each session of the meeting. Nominations for participation in the roundtable discussions of the Public

* 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 FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0029), 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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Meeting will be accepted until October 8, 2010. We encourage those stakeholders that have interest in this topic, interest in providing written comments or interest in participating in the public meeting to keep checking the public web page at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/licensing.html#cc> for the most current information and links to all relevant documents as they become available.

During the public meeting, the NRC will conduct individual roundtable panel discussions, with opportunity for audience participation, on issues identified in the draft policy statement. The NRC is seeking names of individuals interested in participating in these panels. Nominations by interested individuals or organizations should include the name of the proposed panel member, the issues they are interested in discussing, view point(s) on the issue(s), and affiliation, if any. Roundtable panel participants will be selected with the goal of providing balanced view points on each of the various issues. Please submit nominations by October 8, 2010. For expeditious handling of the nominations, the NRC established a dedicated e-mail address. The nominations should be sent to this address: CesiumDraftPolicy@nrc.gov.

Other participants, who wish to attend the public meeting, could also pre-register at the dedicated e-mail address: CesiumDraftPolicy@nrc.gov. The Commission will appreciate pre-registration in order to properly plan for the conference facilities. However, pre-registration is not required and registration will be open at the public meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me at 301-415-3340 or the individuals named below.

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