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## ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES

### NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING WEBINAR ON NRC'S SAFETY CULTURE POLICY STATEMENT (FSME-13-086)

**Purpose:** To inform all State contacts about the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff plans to conduct a webinar on September 25, 2013 to offer training on NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement and how State regulators can support the implementation of the policy statement with their licensees.

**Background:** On July 22, 2011, the Chairman issued a tasking memorandum directing the staff to submit an Implementation Plan related to NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement. The Implementation Plan, SECY-12-0008, developed by staff, summarizes the various activities NRC staff has completed and planned that focuses on the engagement of stakeholders and outreach activities. The Commission approved the staff's planned activities and initiatives associated with the Safety Culture Policy Statement proposed by staff in March, 2012. In accordance with that plan, staff has been conducting communications and outreach activities to engage and educate the regulated community on the contents of the policy statement and the importance of a positive safety culture. Examples of activities include: development of educational tools (e.g., bilingual brochure, case studies, pop-ups, presentation template and talking points) to enhance understanding of the Safety Culture Policy Statement; presentations at licensee and industry meetings and workshops, and other forums with stakeholders in the regulated communities; sharing the key messages from the Safety Culture Policy Statement with licensees during licensing and inspection meetings; information sharing through newsletter articles and a generic communication to all NRC licensees and the Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors; revisions to guidance documents (e.g., NUREG-1556) to incorporate discussion of the Safety Culture Policy Statement and traits; and updates to the training and qualification requirements for our inspectors and license reviewers to include a requirement for knowledge of the Safety Culture Policy Statement. Similarly, Agreement States have conducted a variety of outreach and communications activities and made use of many of the tools described above.

**Discussion:** The NRC continues to seek ways to engage with stakeholders, licensees, members of the public, and the international community to provide outreach and education on the policy statement. The NRC is conducting the webinar to provide training to State regulators with the purpose of providing a clear and consistent message on the expectations contained in the NRC Safety Culture Policy Statement and how State regulators can support the implementation of the policy statement with their licensees.

The webinar is scheduled for September 25 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (EDT). Participants must register in advance of the webinar at the following link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/286575129>. The webinar will be recorded and can be viewed later by individuals who are not able to participate during the live session. To obtain the recorded session, please contact the individual named below.

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