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**ALL STATE LIAISON OFFICERS
ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES**

**NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING UPDATE TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION'S OPEN GOVERNMENT PLAN AND OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT
(FSME-14-029)**

Purpose: To provide notification of: 1) upcoming update to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Open Government Plan; and 2) the opportunity for States to provide input for consideration in developing that update.*

Background: As an independent regulatory agency that prides itself on openness, NRC takes an active role in President Barack Obama's Open Government Initiative (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/about>), with its focus on open, accountable, and accessible government. The NRC has a long history of, and commitment to, transparency, participation, and collaboration in its regulatory activities. The NRC first published its Open Government Plan on April 7, 2010, and then issued a revision on June 7, 2010, to reflect feedback received. In April 2012, NRC updated the plan again. These previous versions can be accessed at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/open/philosophy.html#plan>. Overall details about NRC's approach to Open Government can be found at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/open.html>.

*(Agreement States) - 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 Information Services Branch (T-5F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to: infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0200), 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.

*(Non-Agreement States) - This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0200 expiration 09/30/2015. 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 Information Services Branch (T-5F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to: infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0200), 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.

*(State Liaison Officers) - This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0163, expiration 03/31/2016. 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 Information Services Branch (T-5F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to: infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0200), 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.

Discussion: On June 1, 2014, NRC will publish its next Open Government Plan. This update will include discussion of accomplishments over the past two years and plans for the next two years, including:

- Focusing on improving the process of handling Freedom of Information Act requests;
- Embracing the President's Digital Government Strategy and, among other initiatives, deploying a mobile-based public meeting feedback option;
- Continuing to grow the agency's social media program with increased subscriber and viewer rates – at times nearly doubling previous years' statistics;
- Continuing to enhance collaboration with State and Tribal governments through a range of outreach efforts;
- Continuing to enhance collaboration with the international community, with increased focus on sharing information after the lessons learned from the Fukushima nuclear accident;
- Improving the public's ability to participate in the NRC's regulatory processes by creating a one-stop web location for rulemaking actions and other documents open for comment;
- Modernizing the management of agency records to make information capture and categorization more complete and transparent; and
- Enhancing stakeholder involvement in public meetings using technologies such as Web streaming and conferencing.

As the agency is finalizing the plan, States are invited to provide feedback on how the agency can further improve its Open Government activities and focus on transparency, participation, and collaboration. Comments can be submitted through this [Online Comment Form](http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/open/contactus/contact-form.html) (<http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/open/contactus/contact-form.html>). Since this is an ongoing effort, comments are welcome at any time. **To be considered specifically for the June 1, 2014, plan update, comments must be received by April 4, 2014.**

The NRC will consider comments received and may use them, as appropriate, in the preparation of the next Open Government Plan update and during implementation of future activities. However, the NRC does not anticipate responding to individual comments.

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