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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 16, REVISION 1,
"CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC
GUIDANCE ABOUT LICENSES AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION TO GENERAL LICENSEES"
(STC-16-050)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with the opportunity to comment on the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards draft NUREG-1556, Volume 16, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Licenses Authorizing Distribution to General Licensees."

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. The NRC originally published NUREG-1556, Volume 16 in December 2000. The document is intended for use by applicants, licensees and NRC staff, and is also available to the Agreement States.

Discussion: NUREG-1556, Volume 16, Revision 1, was updated by a working group made up of NRC and Agreement State representatives, to include safety culture, security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information and changes in regulatory policies and practices. The volume was also reviewed by a steering committee made up of NRC management and an Agreement State manager and NRC legal staff. The notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the Federal Register (81 FR 40928) on June 23, 2016:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-06-23/pdf/2016-14867.pdf>

The draft volume can be found on the NRC's public Web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/>

The draft volume is also available the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System under ML number ML16167A386.

The comment period for this document ends on Monday, July 25, 2016. Please follow the directions in the *Federal Register* regarding comments. We look forward to receiving your input.

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