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## PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT REPORT, NUREG-1757, VOL. 1, "CONSOLIDATED NMSS DECOMMISSIONING GUIDANCE: DECOMMISSIONING PROCESS" FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (STP-02-021)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) is announcing the availability of a draft report, NUREG-1757, Vol. 1, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance: Decommissioning Process" for public comment. This document provides guidance for the planning and implementation of the termination of licenses issued through NMSS's licensing programs. NRC is seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing the document is available to the NRC staff. This draft document is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. The NRC will review public comments received on the draft document. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments, and a final document will be issued for use. The draft report can be found at Federal Register Notice, 67 FR 4764.

Draft NUREG-1757, Vol. 1, updates and builds upon the risk-informed approach in, and in whole or in part incorporates the NMSS Decommissioning Handbook (NUREG/BR-0241, "NMSS Handbook for Decommissioning Fuel Cycle and Materials Facilities," March 1997). This draft NUREG also incorporates the parts of the "NMSS Decommissioning Standard Review Plan," NUREG-1727, September 2000, that provide guidance for developing parts of a decommissioning plan. The Federal Register Notice on the overall decommissioning guidance consolidation and updating project can be found at 66 FR 21793.

Comments on this draft document should be submitted by May 1, 2002. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below:

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