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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN, NEW JERSEY, VIRGINIA

**AVAILABILITY OF NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2008-18, "INFORMATION ON REQUESTS FOR EXTENDING USE OF EXPIRING TRANSPORTATION PACKAGES" (FSME-08-071)**

**Purpose:** To inform the Agreement States of the availability of NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2008-18, "Information on Requests for Extending Use of Expiring Transportation Packages."

**Discussion:** Section 71.19(a) and 71.20 of 10 CFR Part 71 expires on October 1, 2008. Section 71.19(a) authorizes the use of Type B transportation packages, previously approved by NRC, but not designated as B(U), B(M), B(U)F, OR B(M)F in the identification number on the NRC Certificate of Compliance or Type AF transportation packages approved by NRC, before September 6, 1983. Section 71.20 authorizes use of DOT specification containers for fissile material or for a Type B quantity of radioactive material as specified in DOT regulation in 49 CFR Parts 173 and 178.

Certain licensees and certificate holders have indicated that there may be instances where limited use of these packages may be needed beyond October 21, 2008. NRC issued RIS 2008-18 to provide information to licensees and certificate holders in requesting authorization for such limited use.

The RIS can be found on NRC's web page at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2008/index.html>

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