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STATES, STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

**SELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR FOR THE DIVISION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIAISON  
AND RULEMAKING (FSME-08-079)**

**Purpose:** To inform the States of the selection of the Director for the Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking (DILR), Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME).

**Background:** In September 2008, Dennis K. Rathbun retired from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). FSME senior management has made a selection for his replacement, effective October 12, 2008.

**Discussion:** We are pleased to announce that we have selected Mr. Mark R. Shaffer for the position of Director of FSME's Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking. Mark has extensive NRC experience, having been a Deputy Division Director in the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. Mark was also a Radiation Specialist, Senior Health Physicist, and a Branch Chief in NRC's Region IV office. His credentials make him uniquely qualified to direct this important organization. As we work on a broad range of rulemakings affecting nuclear materials and waste management, Mark will maintain our focus on open and transparent decision-making processes, and will ensure timely resolution of the rulemaking products. He will also continue our initiatives to engage the States and Tribes, as appropriate.

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