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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT REVISION TO FSME PROCEDURE SA-800, "PROVIDING NRC PREDECISIONAL DOCUMENTS TO AGREEMENT STATES, ORGANIZATION OF AGREEMENT STATES, INC., AND APPROPRIATE WORKING GROUPS OF THE CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC." (FSME-10-099)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) Procedure SA-800, "Providing NRC Predecisional Documents to Agreement States, Organization of Agreement States, Inc., and Appropriate Working Groups of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc."

Background: Tracked change copy of FSME Procedure SA-800.

Discussion: Enclosed for your review and comment is the draft revision to FSME Procedure SA-800. SA-800 describes the process for providing certain U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) predecisional documents to Agreement State management and staff, which includes the Organization of Agreement States, Inc. (OAS), and appropriate working groups of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD). We would appreciate receiving your comments within 30 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me at 301-415-8429, or the individual named below.

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Enclosure: FSME SA-800 Draft Revision

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Providing NRC Predecisional Documents to Agreement States, Organization of Agreement States, Inc., and Appropriate Working Groups of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. SA-800

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Procedure Title:
Providing NRC Predecisional Documents
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I. INTRODUCTION

This procedure describes the process for providing certain U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) predecisional documents to Agreement State management and staff, which includes the Organization of Agreement States, Inc. (OAS), the appropriate working groups of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD), and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors and staff. On October 1, 2006, the functions of the Office of State and Tribal Programs were incorporated into the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME).

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II. OBJECTIVES

A. Establish procedures to be followed by NRC staff for providing eertain-sensitive and non-sensitive predecisional NRC predecisional-documents to Agreement State management and staff and, which includes the OAS, and non-sensitive predecisional documents to appropriate CRCPD working groups, of the CRCPD, and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors and staff.

- B. Establish guidance on the types of predecisional documents that may be routinely provided to Agreement States and appropriate working groups, the kinds of predecisional documents that should be limited to distribution on a "need-to-know" basis, and on the labeling of predecisional documents.
- C. Establish procedures to notify the Commission of an intent intention to release, and subsequent release of anof an NRC predecisional document by State staff or appropriate CRCPD working groups. of the CRCPD.

¹For the remainder of SA-800, whenever Agreement States are discussed, the OAS is understood to be included. The membership of OAS consists of state radiation control directors and staff from the Agreement States who are responsible for implementation of their respective Agreement State programs. The purpose of the OAS is to provide a mechanism for these Agreement States to work with each other and with NRC on regulatory issues associated with their respective agreements.

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III. BACKGROUND

- A. Commission policy both-recognizes the benefit of and need for, early and substantive involvement by Agreement States in the development of new or revised rules, guidance documents, or other materials program documents. As a part of this effort, NRC shares relevant NRC predecisional documents with Agreement State management and staff for review and comment. As predecisional documents, they may be exempt from public disclosure under Federal statutes and NRC rules (Exemption 5, Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)) and 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.390(a) and 9.17(a)(5)). When providing predecisional documents to Agreement States, NRC requests that Agreement States also protect the documents from public disclosure.
- B. Current practice is to provide predecisional programmatic documents, such as drafts of rulemaking plans, proposed and final rules, and licensing and inspection guides, to all Agreement States. However, some predecisional documents also contain Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI). SUNSI is divided into the following groups: (1) Allegation Information; (2) Investigation Information; (3) Security-Related Information; (4) Proprietary Information; (5) Privacy Act and Personally Identifiable Information; (6) Federal-, State-, Foreign Government- and International Agency-Controlled Information, and (7) Sensitive Internal Information. Predecisional documents containing SUNSI are provided to Agreement States that can protect the information from public disclosure on a "need-to-know" basis only, and in accordance with NRC Management Directive (MD) 3.4, Release of Information to the Public. Staff will provide a SUNSI document only after determining that the Agreement State can protect the document from public disclosure under state law (see Section V.G.).
- C. The appropriate Certain CRCPD working groups, including the Suggested State Regulations (SSRs) Committees, are responsible for developing regulations and guidance, which that are compatible with those of the NRC or other Federal agencies , which can and can be adopted and used by States in developing and implementing their regulatory programs. The SSRs serve as models for States in the development of regulations compatible to those of NRC. The CRCPD working groups help reduce the administrative and resource requirements for States to adopt compatible regulations. CRCPD working groups and NRC staff are taking actions to-facilitate the development of SSRs and supporting documents in parallel with the NRC regulations. To help make the parallel rule process effective, NRC staff should-will provide the appropriate CRCPD working groups and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors and staff with non-SUNSI predecisional NRC rulemaking documents that do not contain SUNSI (i.e., non-SUNSI) at the same time the Agreement States receive this information the documents. Under CRCPD Procedures procedures, licensees and non-State advisors are excludedprohibited from receiving predecisional information.

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IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Directors, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements (DMSSA) and Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking (DILR) are responsible for development of procedures providing NRC non-SUNSI predecisional documents to Agreement States, appropriate CRCPD working groups, and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors and staff.
- B. The staff person, as a Assigned by the Directors, DMSSA and DILR staff isare responsible for assisting other NRC staff in determining the types of non-SUNSI predecisional documents to be distributed to Agreement States, appropriate CRCPD working groups, and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors and staff. Also, assigned staff is responsible for the means for distribution,— and the preparation of the Radiation Control Program Director (RCPD) Letters in accordance with the Office of Federal and State Material and Environmental Management Program (FSME) Procedure AD-200, "Format for FSME and RCPD Letters." All Agreement States letters.
- C. The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is responsible for providing assistance to FSME by interpreting public disclosure statutes and providing legal counsel to determine whether certain predecisional documents can be releasedthe release to Agreement States, appropriate CRCPD working groups, and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors and staff. of draft proposed and final rules, policy statements, and other non SUNSI predecisional documents.

V. GUIDANCE

- A. Non-SUNSI predecisional documents include programmatic documents, such as drafts of -rulemaking plans, drafts of -proposed rules, and final rules, policies, draft-internal procedures, generic letters and information notices. These may be routinely distributed to all Agreement States, appropriate CRCPD working groups, and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Directors and staff for their information, review, and comment. Other predecisional documents not defined above, such as a Commission Paper on a final, new or revised rule, will be examined on a case-by-case basis and necessary approval obtained (e.g., Commission, in the case of a Commission Paper) before distribution. The definition and distribution of SUNSI predecisional documents are described in-below in paragraph V-. F of this section.
- B. Distribution of nonNon-SUNSI predecisional documents may-will be accomplisheddistributed as attachments to RCPD letters, electronically via a list server. throughuse of an All Agreement States letter (See Appendix for a sample letter circulating Draft-a draft documentInspection Procedure for review).

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- C. Non-SUNSI predecisional information may also be made available to the Agreement States and appropriate CRCPD working groups through the secure RCPD internet Web site at http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/. the Agreement States area of the Technical-Conference Forum (http://techconf.illnl.gov/cgi-states/topics). Agreement States, CRCPD working groups, and non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program-Directors must have a unique user name and password to access this separate area. NRC staff members are also required to have a password to access this separate area. The passwords are maintained by the administrator of the Technical Conference Forum website for the Agreement States and NRC staff. The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors maintains the passwords for non-Agreement States Radiation Control Program Directors.
- D. Each non-SUNSI predecisional document should must be labeled as follows:

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OTHERWISE

E. Each All Agreement State-RCPD letter distributing non-SUNSI predecisional information must be signed by the Director, DMSSA or DILR, and must shouldinclude the following ending paragraph:

Due to its predecisional nature, the draft has not been publicly disclosed. Therefore, we request that you limit distribution to your staff and not release the draft publicly. Please see the FSME web-Web page-site at http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/procedures/sa800d.pdf for additional information about the distribution and use of predecisional information. If the draft is inadvertently intended to be released, or-released, please inform me or the contact named below within 24 hours of the request.

F. SUNSI pPredecisional documents containing SUNSI, such as proposed enforcement actions, draft orders or demands for information, draft confirmatory action letters or information dealing with investigations, will be shared only with only Agreement States on a "need-to-know" basis. Allegation information is not-predecisional.—"Need-to-know" generally means that the Agreement State receiving the predecisional information is directly involved with the issue or licensee. Documents should be labeled in accordance with SUNSI policies. For example, for Proprietary Information, mark the top and bottom of each page: "Official Use Only-Proprietary Information."—Because of the evolving nature of the SUNSI handling requirements, documents should be labeled in accordance with SUNSI policies as specified onin the SUNSI intranet website-Web site at

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http://www.internal.nrc.gov/sunsi/. Because of evolving SUNSI policies, the The above SUNSI website. Web site includes a frequently asked questions section. In accordance with MD 3.4, approval of the Executive Director for Operations, Inspector General, the Office of the General Counsel, Directors of the Office of Enforcement or Office of Investigations, as appropriate, or the Agency Allegation Advisor-should be obtained must approve the release of predecisional documents containing SUNSI prior to their release. of the document.

- G. Prior to release of SUNSI predecisional documents, the Director, DMSSA or DILR, or delegated staff should determine, after consulting with OGC, whether the Agreement State can protect the documents from public disclosure under State law. If staff determines that an Agreement State can protect NRC SUNSI predecisional documents from public disclosure and, if necessary, has a "need-to-know" (See Section V-paragraph F above.), then, the information may be shared with that State.
- H. Guidance on the handling and sharing of allegations information with Agreement States is contained in FSME Procedure SA-400.
- I. If DMSSA or DILRNRC staff is notified that an Agreement State, CRCPD working group, non-Agreement State Radiation Control Program Director or staff member has inadvertently released an NRC predecisional document or received a request for disclosure of predecisional information, DMSSA or DILR should contact the technical assistant for the Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal and Compliance, and the Office of the General Counsel to provide notification to the Commission. Also, the Office of the Inspector General must be advised promptly of the occurrence in writing. In the case of an inadvertent release of allegation information, the Agency Allegation Advisor should be contacted promptly. Additional guidance for SUNSI documents is posted on the NRC internal website-Web site listed in paragraph V-F, above.

VI. APPENDIX

Appendix - Sample RCPD Letter to All-Agreement States Transmitting Predecisional Inspection ProcedureInformation

VII. REFERENCES

- 1. NRC Management Directive 3.4, Release of Information to the Public.
- 2. NRC Management Directive 6.3, *The Rulemaking Process*.
- FSME Procedure SA-400, Procedures for Management of Allegations, January 22, 2004.
- 4. FSME Procedure AD-200, Format for FSME and RCPD letters, January 3, 2009
- Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards (SUNSI) websiteWeb site: http://www.internal.nrc.gov/sunsi/.

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VIII. ADAMS REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

For knowledge management purposes, all previous revisions of this procedure, as well as associated correspondence with stakeholders, that have been entered into ADAMS are listed below.

No.	Date	Document Title/Description	Accession Number
1	5/4/2001	Providing NRC Predecisional Documents to Agreement States and Appropriate Working Groups of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. SA-800	ML011370784
2	5/4/2001	Comments and Responses to Comments on revised Draft Procedures SA-800, Providing NRC Predecisional Documents to Agreement States and Appropriate Working Groups of the Conference of Radiations Control Program Directors, Inc.	ML011370785
3	1/24/2001	STP-01-004, Providing NRC Predecisional Documents to Agreement States and Appropriate Working Groups of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., STP Procedure SA-800	ML010300204
4	3/26/1999	SP-99-019, Program Management Information: Predecisional Documents with Providing NRC Predecisional Document to Agreement States - SA-800	ML063540157
5	12/20/2007	FSME-07-112, Notice of Discontinuance of the Technical Conference Forum Web site	ML073540259

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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE FORUM: DRAFT INSPECTION PROCEDURE-(FSME-07-XXX)-

Purpose: This letter provides advance notice of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposal to revise inspection procedure, "[Title]." The principal objective of the revision is to [reason].

Contents: The draft inspection procedure is available at Agreement State area of NRC's-Technical Conference Forum: http://techconf.llnl.gov/egi states/topics.— (Non Agreement States may obtain passwords for the Technical Conference Forum from the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.)—The draft is marked:

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NRC requests comments within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please provide your comments on the draft inspection procedure by to [NRC staff contact, address, telephone/fax number(s) and e-mail address].

Due to its predecisional nature, the draft has not been publicly disclosed.—Therefore, we request that you limit distribution to your staff and not release the draft publicly.—Please see the FSME web page at—for additional information about the distribution and use of predecisional information. If the draft is intended to be released, released, or if release of this document is requested, please inform me or the contact named below within 24 hours of the request. [Current OMB approval paragraph for an information request.]

NRC Point of contact: If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please-contact me or the individual named below.

POINT OF CONTACT: [NRC staff] INTERNET: [ID]@NRC.GOV TELEPHONE: [phone number] FAX: (301) 415 xxxx

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Appendix A

Sample RCPD Letter to Agreement States Transmitting Predecisional Information

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ALL AGREEMENT STATE RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, [LETTER OF INTENT STATES, (IF ANY)] [OTHER STATE STAKEHOLDERS AS APPROPRIATE]

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE NRC DOCUMENT [NAME OF THE DOCUMENT] (RCPD-YY-NNN)

Purpose: The purpose section should elaborate as needed on the subject of the letter. Generally, it should be kept short - one paragraph. Avoid including text which could be placed in another paragraph. The final sentence of the paragraph should advise the addressee if an action or response is requested or required. If no action or response on the part of the recipient is requested or required, a statement to that effect is optional.

Example: [To inform Agreement States about the opportunity to provide comments on the final draft of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Revised Document.*]

Background: The text in the background section should be limited to pertinent historical information leading up to the issue being addressed. Current activities and situations should be addressed in the discussion section.

Discussion: The discussion section should include descriptions of the current issue, situation, and activities. If any action is requested, required or expected from the addressees, it should be fully and clearly spelled out in the discussion section.

Example: [Comments about the final draft of the document should be submitted by Month Day, Year. Information about methods for submitting your comments is available in the Federal Register notice.]

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Director's Name, Director Division Name Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs

Enclosures:

- 1. Related document
- 2. The Draft Policy to be commented

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