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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 18, REVISION 1, "CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ABOUT SERVICE PROVIDER LICENSES" (FSME-14-068)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with the opportunity to comment on the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs draft NUREG-1556, Volume 18, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Service Provider Licenses."

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 18, in November 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 18, Revision 1, has been 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 notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 38600) on July 8, 2014:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-08/pdf/2014-15826.pdf>

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

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

The comment period ends on August 7, 2014. Please follow the directions in the *Federal Register* regarding comments. We look forward to receiving your input.

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