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ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES
STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON POTENTIAL CHANGES TO 10 CFR PART
20, STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION (FSME-14-076)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States, Non-Agreement States, and State Liaison Officers with an opportunity to comment on potential changes to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations in the Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."

Background: On July 25, 2014, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for potential changes to 10 CFR Part 20 (79 FR 43284). The notice is available at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-25/pdf/2014-17252.pdf>. The NRC issued the ANPR to obtain input on the development of a draft regulatory basis. The draft regulatory basis would support potential changes to the NRC's current radiation protection regulations in 10 CFR Part 20. The goal of this effort is to achieve greater alignment between the NRC's radiation protection regulations and the 2007 recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) contained in ICRP Publication 103. The ANPR identifies specific questions and issues that will be considered by the NRC staff in developing the draft regulatory basis.

The ANPR was developed by an NRC-led working group with representation from the Organization of the Agreement States (Charles Coleman, VA). The ANPR and other background documents can be found at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/potential-rulemaking/opt-revise.html>.

Discussion: The ANPR has a 120-day **comment period that will end on November 24, 2014**. During the comment period, the NRC staff will hold a series of public meetings to promote understanding of the contemplated action and to facilitate public comments. The first public meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) in the NRC auditorium at the NRC Complex, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. You will also be able to participate via webinar and teleconference. Each public meeting will be noticed on the NRC's public meeting Web site at least 10 calendar days before the meeting. In addition, you may monitor the NRC's public meeting Web site for additional information about the meetings at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

The NRC will also post the notices for the public meetings and other information related to the potential revisions to its radiation protection standards to the Federal rulemaking Web site at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC-2009-0279. The Federal rulemaking Web site allows you to receive alerts. To subscribe: 1) Navigate to the docket folder (NRC-2009-0279); 2) click the "Sign up for E-mail Alerts" link; and 3) enter your e-mail address and select how frequently you would like to receive e-mails (daily, weekly, or monthly).

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