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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, CONNECTICUT, INDIANA

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF REVISIONS TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S UNIFORM LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANIFEST FORMS (STC-21-037)

**Purpose:** To inform all Agreement States that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff announced the availability of revisions to the NRC Form 540 (Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (Shipping Paper)), NRC Form 541 (Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (Container and Waste Description)), and NRC Form 542 (Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (Manifest Index and Regional Compact Tabulation)). The forms are available for implementation, consistent with the forms included in NUREG/BR-0204, Revision 3, "Instructions for Completing NRC's Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest." The NRC staff provided notice of the availability of the revisions in the *Federal Register* (86 FR 33783) on June 25, 2021."

Additionally, NRC staff is informing all Agreement States that the notice mentions that the definitions section of Title 10 *Code of the Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 20, appendix G, states that "Licensees need not use originals of these NRC Forms as long as any substitute forms are equivalent to the original documentation in respect to content, clarity, size, and location of information" and that "Licensees should contact the receiving facility for waste shipments to Agreement States to determine if Agreement State regulators require the use of an equivalent form consistent with their State regulatory program."

**Background:** The NRC staff informed all Agreement States in a letter dated July 6, 2020, STC-20-050, "Notification of Issuance of NUREG/BR-0204, Revision 3, Instructions for Completing NRC's Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest," that the NRC issued NUREG/BR-0204, Revision 3 and its associated forms in the *Federal Register* (85 FR 39936) on July 2, 2020. However, following several requests to delay implementation, the NRC announced on September 30, 2020 (85 FR 61576), that it was postponing implementation of NUREG/BR-0204, Revision 3 and the revised NRC forms until further notice. The NRC indicated in this September 2020, notice that licensees should continue to use NUREG/BR-0204, Revision 2 and the versions of NRC Forms 540, 541, and 542 that were renewed in January 2020, or equivalent, as defined in NRC's regulations.

Subsequent to issuing STC-20-050, the NRC staff held calls with several Agreement States that have licensed disposal facilities in December 2020, to discuss the status of the implementation of NUREG/BR-0204, Revision 3 and the associated forms with the Agreement State licensees. NRC staff also held a public meeting on February 11, 2021, to solicit feedback from external stakeholders. The public meeting summary can be accessed in Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML21061A325. In February and March 2021, NRC staff held additional calls with Agreement States that have licensed disposal facilities or waste processors to discuss the results of the public meeting. Based on the collective

feedback, NRC staff proceeded with announcing the availability of the forms revisions in June 2021.

Please consult the NRC website for background information.

<https://www.nrc.gov/waste/llw-disposal/llw-pa/llw-uwm.html>

In addition, NRC Forms 540, 541, and 542 can be accessed on the NRC Form Library at

<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/forms/index.html>

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