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NOTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (STC-25-047)

**Purpose:** To inform you that, on September 25, 2025, David A. Wright, Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission), and Governor Ned Lamont of the State of Connecticut, signed an Agreement as authorized by Section 274b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act). The Agreement is effective on September 30, 2025.

**Background:** On October 31, 2024, Governor Ned Lamont, on behalf of the State of Connecticut, submitted a request that the NRC enter into an Agreement with the State pursuant to Section 274 of the Act. Under the proposed Agreement, the Commission would discontinue, and the State of Connecticut would assume, regulatory authority within the State over the responsibility of byproduct material as defined in Sections 11e.(1), 11e.(3), and 11e.(4) of the Act, source material, and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass.

The proposed Agreement, along with a summary of the Commission's assessment of the proposed Connecticut program, was published for public comment in the *Federal Register* beginning on March 19, 2025, for 4 consecutive weeks, as required by Section 274e. of the Act. Copies of the proposed Agreement and supporting documentation were made available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room.

In SECY-25-0068, "Section 274b. Agreement with the State of Connecticut," dated August 13, 2025 (ML25139A031), the NRC staff responded to the public comments received on the proposed Agreement and draft staff assessment. The NRC staff assessment concluded that the Connecticut program for the regulation of Agreement materials is adequate to protect public health and safety and is compatible with NRC's program. Based on the staff's assessment, the Commission determined on August 8, 2025, that the Connecticut program for control of radiation hazards is adequate to protect the public health and safety and compatible with the Commission's program (ML25220A282). On September 29, 2025, 90 FR 46469 was published in the Federal Register announcing the Agreement was signed.

**Discussion:** Under the Agreement, the State of Connecticut has assumed regulatory authority over the responsibility of byproduct material as defined in Sections 11e.(1), 11e.(3), and 11e.(4) of the Act, source material, and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass. As such, the State of Connecticut is now the regulatory authority for academic, medical, industrial and commercial licenses authorized to use byproduct, source and special nuclear materials in the State of Connecticut. Agreement State licensees needing to conduct licensed activities in the State of Connecticut under reciprocity must request approval from Connecticut. The NRC staff will conduct periodic reviews of the Connecticut

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program using the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program to ensure that the terms of the Agreement continue to be met.

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