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NOTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT IMC 1248, QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR MATERIALS, DECOMMISSIONING, AND URANIUM RECOVERY PROGRAMS IN THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS (STC-25-062)

Purpose: To inform the National Materials Program (NMP) community (States and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, (NRC)) and Federally Recognized Tribes that Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 1248, "Qualification Programs for Materials, Decommissioning, And Uranium Recovery Programs in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards," of the opportunity to provide comment on the interim guidance.

Background: The current qualification journals were last published on April 19, 2013, which relocated the training guidance to IMC 1248 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Accession No. [ML12240A129](#)). Since 2013, there have been several changes to the materials program. The NRC established a working group in accordance with Management Directive 5.3, "Agreement State Participation in Working Groups," to assess and revise the qualification requirements in IMC 1248 for license reviewers and inspectors. The IMC 1248 Working Group has revised the IMC and qualification journals for license reviewers and inspectors to reflect changes since the last publication of the IMC and qualification journals. The working group has developed Individual Study Activities (ISAs) and On-the-Job Training (OJT) qualification cards to provide more focused training.

Discussion: The guidance in IMC 1248 has been revised to incorporate the feedback from employees and supervisors (both new and experienced) to enable more rapid and effective qualifications. The revisions focus training on the practical application of knowledge and skills required to perform the job, versus memorization of information in the evaluation of staff proficiency. In addition, the working group developed a new Appendix J to help eliminate redundancy and overlap within/among qualification programs.

The comment period¹ has been developed following consultation with the Organization of States agreement will end 30 days from the date of this letter. Please provide comments to the contact person listed at the end of this letter. The IMC can be also found in ADAMS under Accession No. [ML25198A143](#).

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