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**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: TECHNICAL CONFERENCING FORUM -
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PRE-DECISIONAL DRAFT FINANCIAL ASSURANCE
AMENDMENTS FOR MATERIALS LICENSEES (SP-99-078)**

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The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) has uploaded to the TCF an NRC draft rulemaking plan on Financial Assurance Amendments for Materials Licensees. Your review and comment is invited on the draft by **January 7, 2000**. Please provide comments either through the TCF or to the individual named below.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Clark Prichard, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone (301) 415-6203 or email: (CWP@NRC.GOV)

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