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PUBLICATION OF NUREG-1556 SERIES ON THE CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT
MATERIALS LICENSES (STC-16-005)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States that the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Division of Material Safety, State, Tribal and Rulemaking Programs (MSTR) has started publishing the revisions to the NUREG-1556 Series on Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses and the need for revising licensing procedures to maintain compatible programs.

Background: In 2009, the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs initiated the revision of the 21 volumes of the NUREG-1556 Series on the Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licensing to incorporate security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information, remove exploitable information, safety culture and changes in regulatory policies and practices. This effort was in large part based on recommendations from internal and external reviews of the materials inspection and licensing program in response to the 2007 Government Accountability Office investigation.

Discussion: On December 15, 2015, the Agreement States were informed of the publication of the first NUREG-1556 volume to be finalized in STC-15-085 *Publication of NUREG-1556, Volume 3, Revision 2, Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Application for Sealed Source and Device Evaluation and Registration*. MSTR anticipates that many of the 21 NUREG-1556 volumes will be issued as final reports in 2016 with the remainder to be issued in 2017.

During the December 15, 2015, meeting of the Standing Committee on Compatibility, the committee determined that the revised NUREG-1556 Series on the Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses continue to be a matter of compatibility under the Licensing program element. These written licensing procedures continue to be designated as a Compatibility Category C.

Agreement States should review each of the revisions to the NUREG-1556 Series as they are published and revise their written procedures to incorporate the changes.

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