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EXTENSION OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 21, REVISION 1, "CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ABOUT POSSESSION LICENSES FOR PRODUCTION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL USING AN ACCELERATOR" (STC-17-005)

Purpose: To provide Agreement States the opportunity to comment on the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards draft NUREG-1556, Volume 21, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Possession Licenses for Production of Radioactive Material Using an Accelerator."

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. The NRC originally published NUREG-1556, Volume 21 in October 2007. The document is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and NRC staff, and is also available to the Agreement States.

Discussion: NUREG-1556, Volume 21, Revision 1, was updated by a working group comprised of NRC and Agreement State representatives to discuss safety culture and changes in regulatory policies and practices. The volume was also reviewed by a steering committee made up of NRC management, an Agreement State manager, and NRC legal staff. The notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (81 FR 91206) on December 16, 2016:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-16/pdf/2016-30343.pdf>

The draft volume can be found on the NRC's public Web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/>

The draft volume is also available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System using Accession No. ML16336A536.

The comment period for this document has been extended and now ends on Friday, February 24, 2017. Please follow the directions in the *Federal Register* regarding comments. We look forward to receiving your input.

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