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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, VERMONT, WYOMING

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1614, VOLUME 7, "DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN: FISCAL YEARS 2018-2022" (STC-17-071)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with an opportunity to comment on the draft Strategic Plan for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), covering fiscal years (FY) 2018-2022. The Strategic Plan provides a blueprint for the agency to plan, implement and monitor work needed to achieve the agency's mission for the next 4 years. It establishes strategic goals, long-term strategies and performance expectations, as well as providing a basis for the agency's annual budget and performance plans.

Background: The NRC issued its first Strategic Plan in September 1997 and is required to update it every 4 years. The draft plan is largely consistent with the previous plan (FY 2014-2018) with continued focus and commitment to the NRC's mission and strategic goals of safety and security. The most notable change is a new vision statement, which highlights the agency's commitment to the <u>Principles of Good Regulation</u>. There are minor updates and editorial enhancements throughout.

Discussion: The draft Strategic Plan is available on the NRC's Web site (<u>https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/plans-performance.html</u>). The draft Strategic Plan provides the agency's strategic goals and objectives and proposed strategies for achieving them. The NRC encourages comments that assist in our ability to respond to challenges and shape our strategic direction over the next 4 years, particularly comments on the plan's goals, objectives, and strategies.

Comments on the NRC's draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018-2022 can be submitted by one of two ways: online through the federal government's rulemaking Web site, <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u> using Docket ID NRC-2017-0153; or by mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-08-E18, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments are due October 26, 2017. For more information, see our <u>notice</u> published in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 44859; 9/26/2017). If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or the individual named below:

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