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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

PART 35 - TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS (STP-02- 061)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering several Options for further revisions to the Training and Experience Requirements (T&E) for authorized users in 10 CFR Part 35. NRC is seeking early Agreement State review and comment on the enclosed Options Paper. This Paper is a draft, has not been approved by management, and does not represent the Agency's position at this time.

Before the publication of revised Part 35, the Commission directed the staff to establish a two-year transition period within which the previous T&E requirements would be accepted along with the revised T&E requirements. This transition period begins on October 24, 2002 and will end on October 24, 2004.

Subpart J, Training and Experience Requirements, in the current Part 35, will be retained for 2 years after the effective date of the final rule. Licensees will have the option to comply with the training and experience requirements in Subpart J or in Subparts B and D-H of the revised Part 35 until 2 years after the effective date of the final rule. The Commission will consider changes to the training and experience requirements, as appropriate.

The Draft Options Paper has been uploaded to the NRC's Technical Conference Forum (TCF) under a subsystem where access is limited to Agreement States. Agreement States can access the Draft Options Paper on the TCF at: <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-states/topics> using the appropriate user name and password which was last updated via All Agreement States letter SP-99-027. Due to its pre-decisional nature, this draft document is exempt from public disclosure under NRC rules. We request that you limit distribution to your staff and not release the document publicly. If the document is released, please inform me or the Point of Contact below within 24-hours.

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We would appreciate receiving your **comments on or before the c.o.b. 08/30/2002.*** If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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