

State and Commission programs for protection against hazards of radiation will be coordinated and compatible. The State will use its best efforts to cooperate with the Commission and other Agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory programs of the State and the Commission for protection against hazards of radiation and to assure that the State's program will continue to be compatible with the program of the Commission for the regulation of like materials. The State and the Commission will use their best efforts to keep each other informed of proposed changes in their respective rules and regulations and licensing, inspection and enforcement policies and criteria, and to obtain the comments and assistance of the other party thereon.

Article VII

The Commission and the State agree that it is desirable to provide reciprocal recognition of licenses for the materials listed in Article I licensed by the other party or by any Agreement State. Accordingly, the Commission and the State agree to use their best efforts to develop appropriate rules, regulations, and procedures by which such reciprocity will be accorded.

Article VIII

The Commission, upon its own initiative after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the State, or upon request of the Governor of the State, may terminate or suspend all or part of this Agreement and reassert the licensing and regulatory authority vested in it under the Act if the Commission finds that (1) such termination or suspension is required to protect the public health and safety, or (2) the State has not complied with one or more of the requirements of Section 274 of the Act. The Commission may also, pursuant to Section 274j of the Act, temporarily suspend all or part of this Agreement if, in the judgement of the Commission, an emergency situation exists requiring immediate action to protect public health and safety and the State has failed to take necessary steps. The Commission shall periodically review this Agreement and actions taken by the State under this Agreement to ensure compliance with Section 274 of the Act.

Article IX

This Agreement shall become effective on April 1, 1992, and shall remain in effect unless and until such time as it is terminated pursuant to Article VIII.

Done at Rockville, Maryland in triplicate, this 16th day of March, 1992.

For the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Ivan Selin, Chairman.

Done at Augusta, Maine, in triplicate, this 25th day of March, 1992.

For the State of Maine, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor.

Dated at Rockville, this 9th day of April, 1992.

For the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sheldon A. Schwartz,

Deputy Director, Office of State Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Licenses of Broad Scope; Reopening of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 16, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the availability of and requested comment on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 11, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Licenses of Broad Scope," dated August 1998 (63 FR 49615). The comment period for NUREG-1556, Volume 11, expired on December 7, 1998. A commenter noted that the original comment period was too short to thoroughly review, understand, and comment on the document. In response to this comment and to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to provide comments, the Commission has decided to reopen the comment period for NUREG-1556, Volume 11.

DATES: The comment period has been reopened and will now expire on December 31, 1998. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is only able to ensure consideration of comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m.

and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to DLM1@NRC.GOV.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 11, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to slm2@nrc.gov. A copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 11, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7874; electronic mail address: *slm2@nrc.gov*.

Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1556, Vol. 11 is available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/nucmat.html>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of December, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Josephine M. Piccone,

Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Final Comments on Draft Nureg-1628 "Staff Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors"

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing that final comments on NUREG-1628, "Staff Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors," are due by January 30, 1999. NUREG-1628 was issued for public comment on April 21, 1998.

This document, through a question-and-answer format, provides general information on decommissioning to members of the public. As a result of comments received to date from