

referenced by all Federal agencies as they move forward over the next five to ten years with their own big data R&D programs, policies, partnerships, and activities.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Overview:** This RFI is issued under the National Big Data R&D Initiative. The NITRD BDSSG is inviting broad community input as it develops a National Big Data R&D Strategic Plan that can be referenced by participating agencies as they conceive and deploy their own big data programs, policies, and activities.

**Background:** The BDSSG was initially formed to identify big data R&D activities across the Federal Government, offer opportunities for agency coordination, and jointly develop strategies for a national initiative. The National Big Data R&D Initiative was launched in March 2012.

Since the launch, the BDSSG has held numerous meetings and workshops, including a major showcase event of dozens of partnerships that will help advance the frontiers of big data R&D across the country. Many participating federal agencies have already established new big data programs, policies and activities and plan to do more in the future. Currently, the BDSSG is drafting a framework and establishing a set of priority goals for a National Big Data R&D Strategic Plan.

**Objective:** The major goal of this RFI is to gather information from multiple sectors to inform the development of an effective National Big Data R&D Strategic Plan. After the submission period ends and the feedback is analyzed, a workshop will be held to further discuss and develop the input received.

**What We Are Looking For:** As a big data stakeholder, we would like to (1) understand your particular role and point of view in the big data innovation ecosystem, and (2) using the draft, *The National Big Data R&D Initiative: Vision and Areas of Interest*, as the basis, encourage you to provide comments and suggestions for how we might best develop an overarching, comprehensive framework to support national-scale big data science and engineering research and education, discoveries and innovation. Please include a description of the areas of critical investment (either within or across agencies), both currently and within a five to ten year horizon. Collectively, your comments could focus on one or more agencies, the set of NITRD agencies as a whole, or the national effort. Please keep in mind that the focus is on high level strategies for how agencies can leverage their

collective investments. It will not focus on individual agency plans and will not contain an implementation plan. We are interested in all points of view on the activities that can best support research, development, and innovation in Big Data. However, we are not interested in specific research proposals or vendor offerings. While the NITRD agencies would welcome input on policies that are directly relevant to big data R&D, those policies that are more appropriately determined by the Administration or Congress (or both) are not relevant to this exercise.

**Who Can Participate:** This RFI is open to all. We especially encourage public and private sector organizations (e.g., universities, government laboratories, companies, non-profits) with big data interests to submit their ideas. Participants must also be willing to have their ideas posted for discussion on a public Web site and included with possible attribution in the plan.

**Submission Format:** All responses must be no more than two (2) pages long (12 pt. font, 1" margins) and include:

- Who you are—name, credentials, organization
- Your contact information
- Your experience working with big data and your role in the big data innovation ecosystem
- Comments and suggestions based on reading the initial framework, *The National Big Data R&D Initiative: Vision and Priority Actions*, and guided by the following questions:
  - What are the gaps that are not addressed in the Visions and Priority Actions document?
  - From an interagency perspective, what do you think are the most high impact ideas at the frontiers of big data research and development?
  - What new research, education, and/or infrastructure investments do you think will be game-changing for the big data innovation ecosystem?
  - How can the federal government most effectively enable new partnerships, particularly those that cross sectors or domains?
- A short explanation of why you feel your contribution/ideas should be included in the strategic plan
- Examples, where appropriate

In accordance with FAR 15.202(3), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI, including any subsequent requests for proposals.

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Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) on September 26, 2014.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2014-0212]

### Oversight of Counterfeit, Fraudulent, and Suspect Items in the Nuclear Industry

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft regulatory issue summary; public meeting and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking public comment on draft regulatory issue summary (RIS) 2014-XX. This draft RIS, if finalized, is intended to heighten awareness of existing NRC's regulations and reiterate how they apply to the nuclear industry stakeholders' oversight of counterfeit, fraudulent, and suspect items (CFSI) to all NRC's licensees and certificate holders, Agreement State radiation control program directors, state liaison officers, contractors and vendors.

**DATES:** Submit comments by November 3, 2014. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comment by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2014-0212. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- Mail comments to: Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: 3WFN, 06-44M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tanya Mensah, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone: 301-415-3610, email: [Tanya.Mensah@nrc.gov](mailto:Tanya.Mensah@nrc.gov); or James Gaslevic, Office of New Reactors, telephone: 301-415-2776, email: [James.Gaslevic@nrc.gov](mailto:James.Gaslevic@nrc.gov), both are staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

*A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2014-0212 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2014-0212.

- NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

- NRC's PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*B. Submitting Comments*

Please include Docket ID NRC-2014-0212 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as entering the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit

comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

**II. Background**

The NRC issues RISs to communicate with stakeholders on a broad range of regulatory matters. This may include communicating staff technical positions on matters that have not been communicated to or are not broadly understood by the nuclear industry.

The NRC staff has developed draft RIS 2014-XX, "Oversight of Counterfeit, Fraudulent, and Suspect Items in the Nuclear Industry," to heighten awareness of the existing NRC regulations and how they apply to the nuclear stakeholders' oversight of CFSI. The NRC assessment is that the regulatory provisions identified and discussed in the draft RIS: (i) Provide sufficient authority for the NRC to take regulatory action addressing CFSI issues within the scope of the NRC's regulatory authority and jurisdiction; and (ii) are sufficiently clear and comprehensive to alert regulated entities with respect to their responsibilities and obligations with respect to CFSI as established under those NRC regulatory provisions. The NRC requests comments on the NRC's assessment. If commenters disagree with the NRC's assessment, then the NRC requests that commenters identify the specific matter or area in which the NRC's regulatory infrastructure is deficient or incomplete, and how the NRC could address or rectify the deficiency or incompleteness. Comments identifying needed changes would be most helpful if they describe the entities involved, the specific matter, situation or deficiency in the NRC's infrastructure, and a description of the proposed activity or regulatory prohibition needed to successfully address the matter, situation or deficiency.

The RIS, if issued in final form, may be used by all NRC's licensees and certificate holders, Agreement State radiation control program directors, state liaison officers, contractors and vendors. The draft RIS explains that these entities may review this

information and consider actions, as appropriate, to prevent CFSI from entering their supply chains, prevent possible installation or use of CFSI at their facilities, and raise awareness of the potential for CFSI to be used in the manufacture of items, including sealed sources and devices. The draft RIS is available electronically in ADAMS under Accession No. ML14192B407.

**Public Meeting**

The NRC plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the draft RIS and the issues associated with CFSI. The NRC will consider oral comments made in developing the final RIS, but the NRC will not prepare formal written comment responses to oral comments made at the public meeting. You may submit written comments either electronically or in writing, as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Additional details regarding the meeting will be posted at least 10 days prior to the public meeting on the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of September 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F St NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

*Extension:* Rule 15c1-6.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 15c1-6 (17 CFR 240.15c1-6) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.