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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 6.3:
"THE RULEMAKING PROCESS" (STP-04- 051)**

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising its July 31, 2001, Management Directive (MD) 6.3: "The Rulemaking Process." The principal objective of the revision is to incorporate into the directive policy formerly found in NUREG/BR-0053, Rev. 5, "The NRC Regulations Handbook," and to update internal procedures for rulemaking and coordination with Agreement States.

The draft revision of MD 6.3 has been uploaded to the NRC Technical Conferencing Forum (TCF). This document is available at the Agreement State area of the TCF: <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-states/topics>. The section on Agreement State coordination is in Part V of draft Handbook 6.3.

Please provide comments within 45 days from the date of this letter via the TCF website.*

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