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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON NRC DRAFT GUIDANCE ON NARM (FSME-07-051)

Purpose: To provide States an opportunity to comment on a new volume of NUREG-1556, Volume 21, *Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses, Program-Specific Guidance About Possession Licenses for Production of Radioactive Material Using an Accelerator*, for review and comment.¹ Volume 21 (enclosed) provides guidance about possession licenses for production of radioactive material using an accelerator. Comments are requested by July 5, 2007.

Background: As described in previous communications, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to include jurisdiction over certain radium sources, accelerator-produced radioactive materials, and certain naturally-occurring radioactive material (collectively known as NARM), as required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA Act), which was signed into law on August 8, 2005. The rulemaking for this activity will be noticed in the *Federal Register* in the summer of 2007. See [SECY-07-0062](#), *Final Rule: Requirements for Expanded Definition of Byproduct Material*, dated April 3, 2007, for information on that rulemaking. The associated [Staff Requirements Memorandum](#), dated May 14, 2007, is publically available on NRC's website.

The new regulations for the expanded definition of byproduct material requires new guidance and resulted in a revision to: (1) NUREG-1556, Volume 13, *Program-Specific Guidance About Commercial Radiopharmacy Licenses*, and (2) NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 2, *Program Specific Guidance About Medical Use Licenses*. These guidance documents were developed with State input and takes advantage of State expertise in the licensing of NARM and Ra-226.

NUREG-1556, Volume 21, was noticed in the *Federal Register* on May 29, 2007 (72 FR 29555) for a 30-day public comment period which ends June 28, 2007. Volume 21 may be found in NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/> or the "NARM Toolbox" at <http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/narmtoolbox.html>. NUREG-1556, Volume 13 and Volume 9, will be noticed for public comment in the near future.

Discussion: The guidance volumes were developed by a joint NRC - State working group. After receiving comments from the States and the general public, NRC will prepare a final version of NUREG-1556 Volume 21. The Agreement States may use these NUREG volumes as a basis for their regulatory guidance, as desired.

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