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DRAFT NRC GUIDANCE ON NARM FOR COMMENT (FSME-07-067)

Purpose: To inform States of the availability of a draft NUREG for review and comment: NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 2, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses, Program-Specific Guidance About Medical Use Licenses."¹ Comments are requested by August 27, 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 (EPAAct), 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 NRC establishes licensing and inspection guidance for new and amended regulations if necessary. Licensing guidance for materials licenses is provided in the NUREG-1556 series, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses." The new regulations for the expanded definition of byproduct material require 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." Additionally, a new NUREG-1556 volume was created, NUREG-1556, Volume 21, "Program-Specific Guidance About Possession Licenses for Production of Radioactive Material Using an Accelerator." Volume 21 provides guidance about possession licenses for production of radioactive material using an accelerator. These guidance documents were developed with State input and take advantage of State expertise in the licensing of NARM and Ra-226.

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