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OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) DRAFT SAFETY GUIDE DS457, "PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR A NUCLEAR OR RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY" (FSME-13-078)

Purpose: To provide States with the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Safety Guide DS457, "Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency"^{1,2,3} by October 4, 2013.

Background: The objective of Draft Safety Guide DS457 is to establish requirements for an adequate level of preparedness for, and response to, a nuclear or radiological emergency with the aim of mitigating its consequences. The draft safety guide is a revision of the current Safety Requirements publication entitled *Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency* (IAEA Safety Standards Series no. GS-R-2).

¹ This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0029, expiration 11/30/2013. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 8 hours. Send comments regarding the burden estimate to the Records and Information Services Branch (T-5F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0200), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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Please provide comments to one of the individuals listed in the Point of Contact below using the IAEA comment template provided in Enclosure 3. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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