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**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION'S DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-2018
(FSME-14-023)**

Purpose: To provide notification that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking public comments on its draft Strategic Plan, covering Fiscal Years (FY) 2014-2018.*

Background: The NRC's FY 2014-2018 draft Strategic Plan provides a blueprint for the agency to plan, implement, and monitor work needed to achieve its strategic goals during the next four years. The NRC issued its first Strategic Plan in September 1997 and is required to update it every four years. This next Strategic Plan will replace the agency's existing plan (FY 2008-2013).

*(Agreement States) - This information request has previously been approved by OMB 3150-0029 and was resubmitted to OMB for review of continued approval of information collection. 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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*(State Liaison Officers) - This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0163, expiration 03/31/2016. 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.

The draft plan describes the agency's mission and its two strategic goals, which, although slightly reworded for clarity and readability, remain fundamentally unchanged from the current plan. The NRC's mission is to license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of radioactive materials to protect the public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment. The two strategic goals are: to ensure the safe use of radioactive materials, and to ensure the secure use of radioactive materials.

The draft plan includes a new vision statement that reflects how the agency operates using the principles of a good regulator. The NRC's new vision is: A trusted, independent, transparent, and effective nuclear regulator. The draft also includes new strategic objectives that describe, more specifically, the results needed to achieve the agency's strategic goals. Strategies to meet these objectives are described in the draft plan and reflect how the agency will respond to meet new challenges affecting nuclear regulations, such as processing license applications involving new technologies such as small modular reactors, and continuing implementation of enhancements to improve reactor safety based on insights from the 2011 nuclear accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi.

Discussion: On March 5, 2014, the *Federal Register* Notice announcing the public comment period for the NRC's draft Strategic Plan was issued and can be viewed at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-03-05/pdf/2014-04830.pdf> (79 FR 12531). All interested individuals may submit comments on the NRC's draft Strategic Plan by April 4, 2014. Please see the *Federal Register* notice for more detailed instructions on submitting comments. The draft Strategic Plan is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/plans-performance/draft-strategic-plan-2014-2018.html>.

Comments may be submitted two ways:

- 1) Online through the federal government's rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>, using Docket ID NRC-2013-0230.
- 2) Mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: 3WFN-06-44M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

The NRC will consider the comments submitted and may use them, as appropriate, in the preparation of the final Strategic Plan; however, the NRC does not anticipate responding to individual comments.

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