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NOTICE OF FSME PUBLIC WEBPAGE ON LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AND SOURCE DISPOSAL (FSME-10-018)

Purpose: The purpose of this letter is to inform all Agreement and Non-Agreement States of a new webpage on the FSME public website.

Background: In a Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM-M090417), the Commission directed staff to work with the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) to remind licensees of their regulatory responsibilities regarding the disposal of radioactive sources. In response, staff from Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements (MSSA) and a representative from the State of Washington developed a page on the FSME website to not only address disposal of radioactive sources, but to encompass many pertinent issues related to low level radioactive waste (LLRW) disposal. The webpage places special emphasis on issues related to the disposal of LLRW or radioactive sources by materials licensees. This webpage became available on January 15, 2010. The website can be found at: http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/llrw.html.

Discussion: The new webpage consolidates information from existing NRC web pages into a single easy-to-navigate site. The webpage defines what is and what is not LLRW (such as unused/unwanted radioactive sources). The webpage also includes links on related topics such as: acceptable methods of disposal for both LLRW and sources, radioactive source recovery programs, decay-in-storage, transfer to authorized recipients, LLRW disposal sites, LLRW compacts, classes of LLRW, and who regulates LLRW. The LLRW/source webpage will be updated continuously in an effort to provide materials licensees/stakeholders/interested parties with the most recent regulations, guidance and information regarding this most complex issue.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or the individual named below.

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