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**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NUREG-1556, VOLUME 1,
REVISION 2, "CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE ABOUT MATERIALS LICENSES:
PROGRAM-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ABOUT PORTABLE GAUGE LICENSES" (FSME-12-045)**

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with the opportunity to comment* on the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Program's (FSME) draft NUREG-1556, Volume 1, Revision 2, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Portable Gauge Licenses."

Background: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising the licensing guidance in the NUREG-1556 series. The NRC last revised and published NUREG-1556, Volume 1 in November 2001. The document is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and NRC staff and is also available to the Agreement States.

Discussion: NUREG-1556, Volume 1, Revision 2, has been updated, by a working group made up of NRC and Agreement State representatives, to include safety culture, security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information, a revised appendix on training for portable gauge users, and changes in regulatory policies and practices. The NRC is also interested in feedback on the quality and helpfulness of pictures and examples used in Appendix G, "Operation, Emergency, and Security Procedures," to demonstrate the security requirements in 10 CFR 30.34(i). The notice announcing the availability of the draft volume for comment was published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 31894) on May 30, 2012:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-30/pdf/2012-13045.pdf>

The draft volume can also be found on the NRC's public website at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/v1/r2/sr1556v1r2.html>

The comment period ends on June 29, 2012. Please follow the directions in the *Federal Register* regarding comments. We look forward to receiving your input.

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