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STATE LIAISON OFFICERS, RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, SELECTED TRIBES

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY FOR COMMENT ON NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REPORT: "ANALYSIS ON CANCER RISKS IN POPULATIONS LIVING NEAR NUCLEAR FACILITIES: PHASE 1" (FSME-12-038)

Purpose: To inform State Liaison Officers, Radiation Control Program Directors and selected Tribal representatives of the availability for comment of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Report, "Analysis of Cancer Risks in Populations Living Near Nuclear Facilities: Phase 1".

Background: At the request of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the National Academy of Sciences is carrying out an assessment of cancer risks in populations living near NRC-licensed nuclear facilities. This assessment will be carried out in two consecutive phases. A Phase 1 scoping study identified scientifically sound approaches for carrying out an epidemiological study of cancer risks. This scoping study began on September 1, 2010. The result of this Phase 1 study will be used to inform the design of the cancer risk assessment, and if the NRC decides to proceed will be carried out in a future Phase 2 study.

Discussion: NAS is soliciting comments directly. The report is open for public comment for 60 days which started April 1, 2012, and is ending on May 31. Comments submitted about the report's proposed methodologies will be used to inform the design of the next phase of study and will be placed in the project's public access file, which can be made available to the public upon request. Comments can be submitted via email to crs@nas.edu or faxed to 202-334-3077.

The report is available at <http://dels.nas.edu/global/nrsb/CancerRisk>.

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