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**OTHER INFORMATION: JOINT NRC/EPA NATIONAL SURVEY OF SEWAGE
SLUDGE/ASH: REQUEST FOR LIST OF STATES LICENSEES AND NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE SEWAGE SLUDGE SUBCOMMITTEE (SP-99-080)**

The purpose of this letter is to request your further assistance in the joint NRC/EPA sewage survey. In All-Agreement States letter SP-98-086, dated November 4, 1998, we discussed the NRC/EPA sewage survey of radioactive materials in sewage sludge and ash at publicly owned treatment works (POTW), and requested information on Agreement State unsealed source licensees by zip and program code. We also invited suggestions for POTW's to be included in the survey. Although many States responded with comments and suggested POTW's, only two included a listing of their licensees by zip and program code.

NRC and EPA staff are now in the process of selecting POTWs associated with licensees with the greatest potential to discharge radioactive material to the sanitary sewer and those in areas known to have high levels of naturally occurring uranium. NRC would like to provide another opportunity for those States which have not provided a listing of their licensees by zip and program code to do so as part of our effort to maximize the effectiveness of the sewage survey. This information will also be forwarded to EPA and each POTW in your State that participates in the survey. Please provide the licensee information within 30 days of the date of this letter to Mary L. Thomas, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, NRC, MS T-9F31, Washington, D.C. 20555, telephone (301) 415-6230, INTERNET at MLT1@NRC.GOV.

If possible, the information should be provided in the format below on diskette or via e-mail to Ms. Thomas at her e-mail address using ASCII, comma delimited text. Please also include a description of your licensee program codes. Please note we are only interested in those licensees having unsealed sources.

Licensee Name
Street Address
City
State
Zip Code
Program Code
License Number

We would also like to inform you that NRC will host a meeting of the Sewage Sludge Subcommittee of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS) on December 13, 1999, in Rockville, Maryland. The enclosed Federal Register Notice (FRN), dated December 3, 1999, provides information on the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sampling and analysis of sludge and ash at publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) to screen for radiation hazards. Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the contacts identified in the FRN.

This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0189, expiration 06/30/01. If a document 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, a collection of information. The estimated

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Public Meeting of the Sewage Sludge Subcommittee of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards

AGENCIES: Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will host a meeting of the Sewage Sludge Subcommittee of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS) on December 13, 1999, in Rockville, Maryland to discuss the sampling and analysis of sludge and ash from Publicly Operated Treatment Works (POTW) to screen for radiation hazards. The parent committee, ISCORS, fosters early resolution and coordination of regulatory issues associated with radiation standards.

Agencies represented on the ISCORS Sewage Sludge Subcommittee include the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Defense, in addition to State and Local representatives.

The objectives of the ISCORS Sewage Sludge Subcommittee are to: (1) Conduct a survey of selected POTWs; (2) prepare a guidance document for use by the POTWs in collecting samples of sludge and ash for analysis; and (3) prepare a model for estimating dose from use and disposal of sewage sludge and ash.

This ISCORS Sewage Sludge Subcommittee meeting will consist of presentations by members of the sewage sludge subcommittee and statements by members of the public. Subcommittee meetings normally involve pre-decisional intra-governmental discussions and, as such, are normally not open for observation by members of the public or media. Minutes of subcommittee meetings are available through the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202-634-3273; fax 202-634-3343.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the NRC auditorium, at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary L. Thomas, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301-415-6230; fax 301-415-5385; E-mail mlt1@NRC.GOV; or Duane Schmidt, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, telephone 301-415-6919; fax 301-415-5398; E-mail dws2@NRC.GOV, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the workshop site is located adjacent to the White Flint Metro Station on the Red Line. Seating for the public will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 29th day of November 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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