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ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES
STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF THE SAFETY CULTURE POLICY STATEMENT
BROCHURE (FSME-11-106)

Purpose: To (1) provide all State contacts and State Liaison Officers with the revisable electronic version of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) safety culture policy statement (SCPS) brochure for States who wish to customize NRC's SCPS brochure to its individual needs, and (2) inform all State contacts and State Liaison Officers of the availability of the Spanish version of the SCPS brochure.

Background: On June 14, 2011, the final SCPS was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 34773). This policy statement describes the Commission's expectations on safety culture and emphasizes the importance the NRC places on the development and maintenance of a positive safety culture for all NRC-regulated activities. The SCPS was transmitted to States and State Liaison Officers via FSME-11-053.

As referenced in FSME-11-053, NRC developed a brochure associated with the final SCPS that is intended to aid stakeholders in understanding how the safety culture traits can be viewed in an organization. The SCPS brochure describes the development of the SCPS and provides the definition of nuclear safety culture and the traits of a positive nuclear safety culture. The SCPS brochure has been published as NUREG/BR-0500. The States and State Liaison Officers were informed of NRC's issuance of NRC's SCPS brochure via FSME-11-060 and were requested to respond to NRC with its preference for receiving either hard copy versions of the safety culture brochure or a revisable electronic version.

Discussion: While some States have requested the revisable electronic version of the SCPS brochure, NRC is providing the revisable electronic version as an enclosure to this letter in order for all States to have readily available.

The SCPS brochure has been translated into Spanish and is also included as an enclosure to this letter. The Spanish version of the SCPS brochure is available on NRC's safety culture web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. States who wish to receive hard copies of the Spanish SCPS brochure should contact the individual named below and provide the number of brochures for NRC to distribute to its State.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at 301-415-7278 or the individual named below.

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