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FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES  
NRC NMSS, NRC REGIONS I, III AND IV

NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE, AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE  
INTERIM PROCEDURE SA-700, PROCESSING AN AGREEMENT (STC-21-018)

**Purpose:** To inform the National Materials Program (NMP) community (States and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)) and Federally Recognized Tribes that Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) State Agreements (SA) procedure SA-700, *Processing an Agreement*, has been approved for use as an interim procedure and to provide an opportunity to comment on the interim procedure.

**Background:** The last revision of SA-700 was issued on January 26, 2015, and is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML14343A678. Since the previous issuance of SA-700, the NRC has entered into Agreements with the States of Wyoming and Vermont, in 2018 and 2019, respectively. The Wyoming and Vermont Agreements both resulted in changes in the NRC's approach to processing Agreements. The Wyoming Agreement involved extensive engagement with Federally Recognized Tribes that expressed interest in the Agreement application review process. In addition, the NRC's Tribal Policy Statement (82 FR 2402; January 9, 2017) was published during the processing of the Wyoming Agreement. In 2019, the Commission directed changes to some of the language in the Vermont Agreement.

**Discussion:** SA-700 has been revised to incorporate lessons learned during the review and finalization of the Wyoming and Vermont Agreements. A new appendix (Appendix E to the SA-700 Handbook) was developed to guide NRC engagement with Federally Recognized Tribes during the Agreement process.

On December 10, 2020, the Governor of Connecticut submitted a Letter of Intent to become an Agreement State. This revision of SA-700 is being issued as an interim procedure to allow the processing of the Connecticut Agreement application while allowing for the submission of comments by interested parties.

The comment period<sup>1</sup> has been developed following consultation with the Organization of Agreement States and will end on October 15, 2021 (approximately 6 months from issuance of this letter). Please provide comments to the contact person listed at the end of this letter.

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<sup>1</sup> This information request has been approved by OMB 3150-0029 (expiration 7/31/2023) and 3150-0200 (expiration 10/31/2021) and 3150-0245 (expiration 9/30/2023). The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 8 hours. Send comments regarding the burden estimate to the FOIA, Library, and Information Collections Branch (T-6 A10M), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by e-mail to [infocollects.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:infocollects.resource@nrc.gov), and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0029, -0200, -0245), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503, or by email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number

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