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**POTENTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DISPOSITION OF  
DISUSED RADIOACTIVE SEALED SOURCES**

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To: Radioactive Materials Licensees within the State of Mississippi

The Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission (Commission) is working through the radiation control programs in Mississippi and the other member states - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia - to consider developing a program for the Commission to provide financial support to radioactive licensees in the states for the disposition of disused radioactive sealed sources that have access to commercial radioactive waste disposal facilities.

The Commission works cooperatively with states, other compacts, federal agencies, industry vendors, and low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) generators in the southeast region to support its mission to "ensure that adequate, reliable, and appropriate services are available to manage LLRW streams generated in the Southeast Compact Region and to promote and facilitate the maximum use of those services by low-level radioactive material licensees in the party states." These alliances have provided almost continuous access to LLRW management and disposal facilities for the government and industry waste generators in the Southeast since the early 1990's.

If the Commission decides that financial support for regional licensees is feasible, the Commission will work through The Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) Program to provide an opportunity for licensees to receive financial assistance for the proper disposal of these sources. SCATR is a project of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Agency and individual state, and local radiation control programs.

The SCATR Program is intended to encourage licensees to eliminate excess, unwanted, abandoned, or orphaned radioactive sealed sources that pose a threat to security, public health, and safety. The program provides cost-shared support for the packaging, transport, and disposal of Class A, B, and C sources with access to a commercial disposal facility. Currently, the program provides 30 percent of the total disposal cost and the licensee bears the remaining 70 percent. If the Commission decides to establish a financial support plan for regional licensees, the licensee portion of disposal costs will be reduced.

**The Commission asks that you please respond by 5:00 PM Eastern time, Wednesday, October 21, 2020 whether your organization has a need for additional financial support for the disposal of disused seal sources.**

**Your response is important to the Commission and allows us to better understand your entity's needs and to evaluate the need for a financial support plan in the Compact region.**

**Please respond to B. J. Smith, Director, Mississippi Division of Radiological Health at [bjsmith@msdh.state.ms.us](mailto:bjsmith@msdh.state.ms.us) or contact him if you have any questions or need assistance in responding to this email.**

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