

**SAMPLE COMMENT LETTER FOR PROPOSED STATE REGULATIONS  
WITH COMMENTS**

[Name, Title]  
[Address]

Dear [Name]:

We have reviewed the proposed changes to the [State Name] regulations [identify the regulations using the title or description given by the State], received by our office on [Date]. These regulations were reviewed by comparison to the equivalent Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules in 10 CFR Parts [List the appropriate 10 CFR Parts] and the requirements of the [number submitted] amendments identified in the enclosed State Regulation Status (SRS) Data Sheet. We discussed our review of the regulations with [name of State person contacted] on [Date].

As a result of our review, we have [number] comments that have been identified in the enclosure. Please note that we have limited our review to regulations required for compatibility and/or health and safety. Under our current procedure, a finding that the [State Name] regulations meet the compatibility and health and safety categories of the equivalent NRC regulation may only be made based on a review of the final [State Name] regulations. However, we have determined that if your proposed regulations were adopted, incorporating our comments and without other significant change, they would meet the compatibility and health and safety categories established in the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) Procedure SA-200.

We request that when the proposed regulations are adopted and published as final regulations, a copy of the "as published" regulations be provided to us for review. As requested in FSME Procedure SA-201, "Review of State Regulatory Requirements," please highlight the final changes, and provide a copy to Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements, FSME.

The SRS Data Sheet summarizes our knowledge of the status of other [State Name] regulations, as indicated. Please let us know if you note any inaccuracies, or have any comments on the information contained in the SRS Data Sheet. This letter, including the SRS Data Sheet, is posted on the FSME website: <http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/rulemaking.html>.

If you have any questions regarding the comments, the compatibility and health and safety categories, or any of the NRC regulations used in the review, please contact [name] State Regulation Review Coordinator at [phone number] (email: [id@nrc.gov](mailto:id@nrc.gov)) or [Name of reviewer or other contact] at [phone number] (email: [id@nrc.gov](mailto:id@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

[Name], Deputy Director  
Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements  
Office of Federal and State Materials and  
Environmental Management Programs

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**COMPATIBILITY COMMENTS ON [State] PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

STATE SECTION		NRC SECTION	RATS ID	CATEGORY	SUBJECT and COMMENTS
0	State or SSR citation	NRC citation	See State Regulation Status Sheet	Compatibility Categories from SA-200  A, B, C, NRC or H&S	<p><b>[CFR TITLE]</b></p> <p>Description of comment</p> <p>Action State must take to meet compatibility.</p> <p><b>Examples below</b></p>
1	N/A	30.35(g), 40.36(f) 70.25(g)	1996-3	H&S	<p><b>Financial assurance and recordkeeping for decommissioning</b></p> <p>[State] has omitted requirements for the transfer of records pertaining to decommissioning in their regulations.</p> <p>[State] needs to adopt the essential objectives of the requirements for the transfer of decommissioning records to the new licensee to meet the Category H&amp;S designation assigned to Section 30.35(g), 40.36(f), and 70.25(g).</p>
2	[State citation]	20.1003	2002-2	A	<p><b>Definitions</b></p> <p>[State's] proposed definition of "public dose" fit test" omits the phrase "does not include occupational dose" compared to NRC's definition</p> <p>[State] needs to add the phrase to [state citation] to meet the Compatibility Category A designation assigned to Section 10 CFR 20.1003.</p>
3	[State citation]	20.1003	1999-3	B	<p><b>Definitions</b></p> <p>[State's] proposed definition of "fit test" omits the phrase "or quantitatively" compared to NRC's definition. Fit tests should also have protocols to provide quantitative results.</p> <p>[State] needs to add the phrase to [state citation] to meet the Compatibility Category B designation assigned to Section 10 CFR 20.1003.</p>
4	[State citation]	20.1401	1997-6	C	<p><b>General provisions and scope</b></p> <p>[State] has omitted the requirements of paragraph (d). This requirement</p>

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					<p>mandates that the peak annual TEDE be calculated for the first 1,000 years after termination of the license. This requirement is important in determining the potential exposure to members of the public.</p> <p>[State] needs to add this paragraph to [State citation] to meet the Compatibility Category C designation assigned to Section 10 CFR 20.1401.</p>