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28th ANNUAL WATER REACTOR SAFETY INFORMATION MEETING OCTOBER 23-25 IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Each of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Commissioners will be featured speakers at the 28th Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting to be held October 23-25 at the Marriott Hotel in Bethesda, Maryland.

The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on a number of significant technical topics. It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Bethesda Marriott Hotel is located at 5151 Pooks Hills Road.

Participants will include current NRC Commissioners as well as former agency chairman John Ahearne, representatives of U.S. government laboratories, private contractors, universities, electric industry groups, reactor vendors, and a number of international organizations. This year's agenda includes eight technical sessions and three expert panels.

Chairman Richard A. Meserve will deliver the keynote address at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 23, at the opening plenary session. During the afternoon program, NRC Commissioner Nils J. Diaz will be the guest speaker. At 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Commissioner Greta Joy Dicus will speak at the plenary session, with Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield opening the Wednesday morning session. His remarks will be followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr., on the future role of nuclear power and the need for nuclear regulatory research. In addition, the 25th anniversary of the landmark Reactor Safety Study -- better known as "WASH 1400" -- will be commemorated at a luncheon on Monday.

This year's meeting will feature presentations on such subjects as: risk-informed regulation; the integrity of primary coolant pressure boundary; thermal hydraulic and severe accident analysis for reactors and spent fuel; reactor decommissioning; regulatory effectiveness; high burn-up fuel; dry cask storage, and transportation of spent nuclear fuel.

Those who wish to attend are asked to register with the meeting coordinator, Susan Monteleone of Brookhaven National Laboratory, Department of Energy, Building 130, Upton, N.Y. 11973. The fax number is 631-344-3957. Her e-mail address is susanm@bnl.gov. Additional information on the meeting has been published in the *Federal Register* and can be found at, <http://www.WRSM.bnl.gov/>, on the internet. On-line registration for the meeting is encouraged.

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