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NRC 22nd ANNUAL REGULATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE MARCH 9-11 HIGHLIGHTS KNOWLEDGE FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold its 22nd annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) March 9-11 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Md. This year's conference theme is *Knowledge for Today and Tomorrow*. This annual conference brings together more than 3,000 participants from 32 countries to provide an opportunity for government, industry, international agencies and other interested stakeholders and members of the public to meet and discuss safety initiatives and regulatory trends.

Agency speakers at the conference will include NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko, Commissioners Dale E. Klein and Kristine L. Svinicki, and Executive Director for Operations William Borchardt. This year's special guest speaker is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO), James O. Ellis, Jr. Located in Atlanta, Ga., INPO is an independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the highest levels of safety and reliability -- to promote excellence -- in the operation of nuclear electric generating plants.

The conference brings together NRC staff, nuclear plant owners, nuclear materials users, key industry stakeholders, representatives from all levels of government, international regulators, special interest groups, and the public to discuss key issues affecting the safety and security of commercial nuclear facilities and current regulatory activities.

Topics at this year's RIC include: applications for new nuclear power plants; regulatory approaches to new reactor designs; security; safety research; safety culture; domestic and international nuclear power plant operating experience; and other technical issues. The conference will also feature posters, exhibits and models on various nuclear topics of interest.

The RIC also offers tours of the NRC's Operations Center, which serves as the focal point for coordinating and communicating with plant personnel, state entities, and other federal agencies during an emergency involving a nuclear facility or nuclear materials.

The conference is free and open to the public. The RIC is a joint presentation of the NRC's Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research. Onsite registration will be available during the conference. For more information, visit the RIC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/index.html> .

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