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NRC TO HIGHLIGHT VENDOR INSPECTION ACTIVITIES DURING NEW REACTOR CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP IN BALTIMORE JUNE 28

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will explain its oversight process for companies that support new reactor construction during a workshop June 28 in Baltimore.

"Vendors' quality products and expertise are vital to ensuring new reactors are built to operate safely," said Laura Dudes, Director of the Division of Construction Inspection in the NRC's Office of New Reactors. "We want to ensure current and potential vendors understand our requirements, and how rigorously we oversee construction sites and the vendors themselves."

The workshop is open to the public and runs from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on June 28 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel located at 202 East Pratt St. Baltimore. Presenters will include NRC staff, the Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC, an industry vendor clearinghouse), the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute and current nuclear vendors. Those interested in attending the workshop should <u>pre-register</u> by June 17. Individuals needing reasonable accommodations to participate in the workshop should contact Marlayna Vaaler by June 10, via e-mail at <u>Marlayna.Vaaler@nrc.gov</u> or via phone at 301-415-3178.

The workshop brings together members of the public, licensees, applicants, vendors, basic component suppliers, industry organizations, and the NRC staff to discuss issues including:

- vendor oversight for new reactor construction;
- quality assurance rulemaking activities;
- international calibration laboratories;
- current activities to prevent the use of counterfeit, fraudulent, or suspect items;
- using commercial-grade items in safety-related applications;
- software quality assurance; and
- non-reactor vendor inspections.

NRC staff will be available at the end of each workshop session for additional discussions. The NRC is holding the workshop in conjunction with the NUPIC vendor meeting to ensure vendors can participate. Additional workshop information is available on the NRC <u>website</u>.

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