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NRC TO MEET WITH PUBLIC TO DISCUSS REVISIONS, ADDITIONS TO PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with the public on Feb. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss a proposed rule amending its security regulations related to the physical protection of nuclear power reactors. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, at NRC headquarters, in the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.

The proposed rulemaking is one of a series to enhance requirements for access controls, event reporting, security personnel training, coordination between safety and security activities, contingency planning and protection against radiological sabotage. The proposed rule would also add requirements related to background checks for firearms users and authorization for enhanced weapons to fulfill certain provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In addition, this proposed rulemaking includes a limited number of new security requirements for certain facilities that manufacture uranium fuel.

This proposed rulemaking incorporates requirements that had been previously imposed by the Commission through orders issued after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Additionally, the proposed requirements for safety/security interface address in part, a Petition for Rulemaking (PRM 50-80), which requested regulations for governing proposed changes to facilities that could adversely affect the licensee's ability to protect against radiological sabotage.

This proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* last year inviting the public to submit comments. The deadline for the comment period has been extended from Jan. 9, to Feb. 23.

The entire proposed rule can be found on the NRC's eRulemaking Portal at: http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=*&library=secreq_lib&file=*&st=prule .

More information about security requirements for NRC licensees can be found on the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/safety-security.html> .

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