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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking comment from members of the public on the implementation of the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP), which the agency put in place seven years ago to revamp and improve its inspection and enforcement programs for commercial nuclear power plants. Each year the NRC seeks feedback to help the agency continue to improve its regulatory approach.

In particular, the NRC would appreciate the public's answers to a list of 26 questions relating to the ROP, including the following:

- Does the Inspection Program adequately cover areas important to safety?
- Is the information in NRC inspection reports useful to you?
- Is the ROP understandable, and are the processes, procedures and products clear and written in plain English?
- Has the public had sufficient opportunity to participate in the ROP and provide input and comments?

All 26 questions are contained in the *Federal Register* notice, which should be published shortly. The notice is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/rop2007survey.pdf>.

The comment period runs until Dec. 7. Comments may be e-mailed to nrcprep@nrc.gov or mailed to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001. Comments can also be delivered to Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on federal workdays.

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