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## NRC Opens Online Registration for 2019 Regulatory Information Conference

Online registration is now open for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 31st annual Regulatory Information Conference, to be held March 12-14 in North Bethesda, Md.

The NRC offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research jointly host the annual RIC, which is open to the public. No-fee registration is required to attend. The conference agenda and online registration links are available on the NRC website. The deadline for online registration is Feb. 26. The conference usually draws approximately 3,000 attendees, including industry executives, representatives from state governments, non-governmental organizations, individual community members, and representatives from foreign countries. The conference is an opportunity for attendees to discuss issues related to the safety and security of commercial nuclear facilities and current regulatory activities.

The program will open with remarks from NRC Chairman Kristine L. Svinicki and Executive Director for Operations Margaret M. Doane, who will also take questions. Additional program highlights will include remarks from NRC Commissioners Jeff Baran, Stephen G. Burns, Annie Caputo and David A. Wright. Technical sessions will focus on significant domestic and international issues, such as cybersecurity, risk-informed analysis, advanced and small modular reactors, spent fuel research activities, recent reactor material issues and the reactor oversight process.

Early registration is encouraged; however, onsite registration will also be available during the conference. The conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Road, in North Bethesda. For more information regarding registration hours, badge protocol, security and new parking garage guidance, visit the NRC website.