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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON REACTOR LICENSING
PROCESSES (STC-18-073)

Purpose: To provide notice of an upcoming public meeting and an opportunity to register to present oral comments.   The public meeting is being held to discuss the scope of this proposed rulemaking that will align the licensing processes in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Parts 50 and 52 and to address lessons learned from recent new reactor licensing reviews.   The meeting will provide participants an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about those elements that they believe should be considered as part of the proposed rulemaking.

Background: In SECY-15-0002, "Proposed Updates of Licensing Policies, Rules, and Guidance for Future New Reactor Applications," dated January 8, 2015 (Agencywide Documents and Management System[1] (ADAMS) Accession No. ML13277A420), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff described its proposal to update the NRC policies, rules, and guidance to be applied to future new reactor licensing applications.   On September 22, 2015, the Commission approved the proposal to amend 10 CFR Part 50 to more closely align these regulations with the requirements in 10 CFR Part 52 for new power reactor applications and to revise 10 CFR Part 52 to reflect lessons learned from recent new reactor licensing activities as noted in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) for SECY-15-0002, "Proposed Updates of Licensing Policies, Rules, and Guidance for Future New Reactor Applications" (ADAMS Accession No. ML15266A023).

Discussion: The NRC plans to host a public meeting on January 15, 2019, to discuss the scope for this proposed rulemaking.   The meeting will provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions and provide comments about those elements they believe should be considered in the rulemaking.   Participants may register to present oral comments at the meeting by contacting the contact listed below.   Please include your registration information and the topic of your presentation.   Individual oral comments should be limited to 10 minutes or less.   Prior registration is requested by January 7, 2019.   Enclosed to this letter is a meeting announcement with preliminary agenda (ADAMS Accession No. ML18338A181).

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[1] You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.   To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search."   For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov

This is the very beginning of the rulemaking process.   Documents related to this rulemaking will be found on the Federal rulemaking Web site at https://www.regulations.gov by searching for Docket ID NRC-2009-0196.

You may visit the NRC's public meeting Web site for information about any public meeting at https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg.   For more general information about the NRC, what we regulate, how we regulate, and our rulemaking process, please visit our Web site at https://www.nrc.gov or view our Information Digest NUREG-1350 (https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1350/).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or the contact listed below.   If you have any questions regarding this rulemaking please contact the individual named below:

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                              Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Public Meeting Announcement:
                  Notice of January 15, 2019,
                  Public Meeting (ML18338A181)