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NRC TO MEET WITH NEI TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR INDUSTRY'S Y2K ACTIVITIES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials of the Nuclear Energy Institute on Friday, September 10, in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss the status of Year 2000 (Y2K) readiness at nuclear power plants. Discussions will focus on industry activities to maintain Y2K readiness, share information among power plants, and report any changes in readiness to the NRC.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in room O-8B4 at NRC's headquarters located at 11555 Rockville Pike. It will be open to public observation.

"Y2K" refers to a computer's potential inability to recognize dates beginning with January 1, 2000, and beyond. It arises from computer programs that use two-digit numbers to represent a calendar year (such as "98" for 1998). For example, a computer system could read "00" as 1900, rather than 2000, potentially causing the computer system to malfunction.

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