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**27TH ANNUAL WATER REACTOR SAFETY INFORMATION MEETING TO BE HELD
OCTOBER 25-27 IN BETHESDA, MD.**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Greta Joy Dicus will be a featured speaker at the NRC's 27th Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting to be held October 25-27 at the Marriott Hotel in Bethesda, Md.

The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on a number of leading technical topics. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday; and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Participants will include representatives from the NRC, U.S. government laboratories, private contractors, universities, electric industry groups, reactor vendors, and a number of international organizations.

NRC Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield will deliver the keynote address at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25, at the opening plenary session. He will be followed by NRC Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr., at 10:15 a.m. who will participate in a panel on the impact of emerging technologies on nuclear safety research. Chairman Dicus will discuss nuclear regulatory research in the new millennium at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday, technical sessions will be held in the morning, and a plenary session will be held in the afternoon and will feature an expert panel addressing the issue, "how best to focus both on safety and increasing regulatory efficiency - the research role."

This year's meeting has a new format that encourages more discussion on research and new technologies. During the three-day meeting, presentations will be made in a number of technical areas -- risk-informed regulation; integrity of primary coolant pressure boundary; regulatory effectiveness assessments; high burnup and mixed oxide fuel under reactivity accident conditions; fuel burnup credit; fission product source terms and applications; and research supporting new technology.

Those wishing to attend are asked to register with the meeting coordinator, Susan Monteleone of Brookhaven National Laboratory, Department of Energy, Building 130, Upton, N.Y. 11973. The telephone number is (516) 244-7235, Fax (516) 344-3957. Her e-mail address is susanm@bnl.gov. Additional information on the meeting has been published in the *Federal Register* and can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.WRSM.bnl.gov>. On-line registration for the meeting is encouraged.

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