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**NRC TO HOLD OCTOBER WORKSHOP, MEETING IN CONNECTICUT
ON REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING**

The public is invited to take part in a reactor decommissioning workshop to be held on October 13 in Meriden, Conn. The workshop, which is sponsored by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.

The purpose of the session is to discuss the agency's program for inspection of nuclear power plants undergoing decommissioning, and to give the public an opportunity to discuss with the NRC staff any concerns or questions regarding the NRC's oversight activities at permanently shutdown plants.

The NRC inspection procedure for such plants, contained in Inspection Manual Chapter 2561, "Decommissioning Inspection Program," are available from the NRC's public document room or on the agency's web page at: www.nrc.gov/NRC/IM/index.html

The NRC staff will meet with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) at the same location the next day (October 14) at 10:30 a.m., to discuss NEI's comments on the decommissioning of reactors. This meeting is open for public observation.

Insights gained from the workshop and the meeting with NEI may be used to further revise and improve the inspection procedures.

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