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NRC AGING RESEARCH INFORMATION CONFERENCE
SET FOR MARCH 24-27 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a conference on March 24-27 in Rockville, MD, to provide a forum for nuclear officials and experts to exchange opinions on technical issues related to advanced aging of components, systems and structures in nuclear power plants.

More than 500 nuclear experts are expected to participate in the NRC's Aging Research Information Conference, which will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1750 Rockville Pike.

NRC Chairman Ivan Selin will deliver the keynote address on the first day of the conference, with opening ceremonies beginning at 8:00 a.m.

During the conference, principal addresses will be made by NRC Commissioner Kenneth C. Rogers on March 25 and by NRC Commissioner James R. Curtiss on March 26. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion chaired by NRC Commissioner Forrest J. Remick and the NRC's Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Regional Operations and Research, James H. Sniezek.

Among others who have confirmed participation are Eugene Fitzpatrick, Vice President of American Electric Power Service Corporation; James J. Howard, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Northern States Power Company; Byron Lee, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Nuclear Management & Resources Council; Harold B. Ray, Senior Vice President of Southern California Edison Company; Hal B. Tucker, Senior Vice President of Duke Power Company; and Robert A. Watson, Senior Vice President of Carolina Power & Light Company.

Technical sessions will include presentations of papers and panel discussions on such topics as recordkeeping technology to support aging management, aging degradation, aging effects on risk assessment, major reactor coolant pressure boundary components, management of reactor vessels, and management of electrical and mechanical components.

The study of nuclear power plant aging is part of NRC's current research program to improve the safety of nuclear power plants. Deliberations from the conference are expected to contribute to enhancing the understanding and managing of aging phenomena.

Prior registration is required. For registration, contact Dr. Mano Subudhi, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Building 130, Upton, NY 11973, Telephone 516/282-2429. For further details regarding the conference, contact Satish K. Aggarwal, General Chairman, Aging Research Information Conference, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301/492-3823.

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