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NRC PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON ELIMINATION OF MARGINAL REQUIREMENTS SET FOR APRIL 27-28

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public workshop on April 27-28 in Bethesda, MD, as part of an NRC program to eliminate regulatory requirements marginal to safety and improve the efficiency of the regulatory process.

The workshop will include panels of about six members that will discuss regulatory requirements for containment leakage testing, fire protection, environmental qualification of electrical equipment, combustible gas control systems, quality assurance and physical protection for power reactors. A panel discussion of a general framework for developing performance-based regulations will precede the start of technical sessions on the first day of the workshop.

Each panelist will provide a ten-minute presentation on his or her views, experiences and comments on the specific topic they will be discussing as well as comments on NRC proposals related to the topic.

Introductory remarks will be given by NRC Chairman Ivan Selin at 8:35 a.m. on April 27. The workshop will adjourn at 5:45 p.m. and resume at 8:30 a.m. the next day at the Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue.

Additional information on the workshop can be obtained by calling Dr. Moni Dey at 301/492-3730.