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NRC TO HOLD WORKSHOP IN WASHINGTON
ON DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA FOR SITE CLEANUP

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold the last of a series of seven workshops in Washington, D.C., on May 6 and 7 to obtain comments on the fundamental approaches and issues that should be addressed in establishing radiological criteria for site cleanup and decommissioning of NRC-licensed facilities.

The workshop will be at the Doubletree Hotel at National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Va. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to about 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

As announced on December 11, 1992, the seven workshops are being conducted by the NRC in 1993 in connection with an enhanced participatory rulemaking to establish site cleanup criteria. The Commission would like to obtain early and comprehensive input from affected interests before the staff develops a draft proposed rule. Earlier meetings were in Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, Dallas, Philadelphia and Atlanta.

The Washington meeting, like the previous ones, will be open to the public. The number of formal participants in the workshop is being limited in order to have a manageable discussion, but a wide range of interests is represented among the invitees, including state and local governments, citizens groups, nuclear utilities and others. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the rulemaking issues and the workshop discussions several times during the workshop. The scheduled public comment periods include: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 3:15 p.m.- 3:30 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 6; and 10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m., and 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

The focus of the workshop will be on issues and approaches identified in a rulemaking issues paper on radiological criteria for decommissioning of NRC-licensed facilities prepared by the NRC staff. Copies of the paper, called "Proposed Rulemaking to Establish Radiological Criteria for Decommissioning: Issues for Discussion at Workshops," will be available at the workshop and,

as previously announced, are available in advance (if sufficient time remains) from Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison and Waste Management, Office of the General Counsel, Washington, DC 20555, or the Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC.

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