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NRC STAFF PLANS TWO-DAY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS
REGULATORY ISSUES WITH NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a conference July 21-22 with representatives of industry and utilities licensed to operate or build nuclear power plants in the U.S. for a discussion of safety and regulatory issues of mutual interest.

The conference, which will be open to the public with advance registration required, will be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. The theme of the conference will be on enhancing and developing a better understanding of future trends for improving nuclear safety.

Introductory remarks will be given by James M. Taylor, NRC Executive Director for Operations. The featured luncheon speaker on the first day will be NRC Chairman Ivan Selin. Commissioner Forrest J. Remick will be the dinner speaker.

Discussions on the first day will proceed from a general plenary session on regulatory trends, 9:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m., to specific breakout sessions that will deal with plant life extension, shutdown risks, revised procurement inspection, and Office of Enforcement and Office of Investigations issues.

The afternoon plenary session, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will discuss the status of advanced light water reactor design certification. Breakout sessions, 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., will be devoted to advanced light water reactor technical issues, individual plant examinations, engineering and legal issues.

Commissioner James R. Curtiss will provide opening remarks on the second day, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The morning plenary session, 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., will deal with regional issues. It will be followed by breakout sessions, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on maintenance rule implementation, training/qualification of reactor operators, standard technical specifications and steam generator issues.

The luncheon speaker on the second day will be Commissioner Kenneth C. Rogers. Breakout sessions, 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., will be devoted to reactor vessel integrity, digital control systems, service water and reporting issues.

Dr. Thomas E. Murley, Director of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, will provide closing remarks to the conference.

For information on registration and other details about the conference, interested persons should contact Allen Weiss, Brookhaven National Laboratory, 516/282-4473.

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