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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND, ON JULY 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, on July 21 to obtain suggestions from the public on the scope of a generic environmental impact statement on radiological criteria for decommissioning of NRC-licensed nuclear facilities.

The public meeting will be at the Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The evening session is intended to provide an opportunity to comment for persons whose schedules make it impractical for them to attend the afternoon session. No pre-registration to speak is necessary.

The generic environmental impact statement is being developed by the NRC as a part of its rulemaking to develop standards for the release of contaminated sites. The Commission believes that development of criteria is needed to provide a clear and consistent regulatory basis for determining the extent to which radioactive materials must be removed from lands and structures. The criteria would replace existing criteria and practices that NRC is currently using on a site-specific basis.

The public scoping meeting in Bethesda is one of four such meetings that will help the NRC to be sure it has considered the potential courses of action, and associated costs and impacts, that the public believes the agency should analyze and include in the draft environmental statement. The other meetings will be in San Francisco, Oklahoma City and Cleveland at later dates.

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