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**NRC SCHEDULES WORKSHOP ON VOLUNTARY  
TRIAL PROGRAM FOR OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMS**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public information workshop on September 26 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss a six-month trial program that will assess proposed changes to the NRC's licensing examination process for reactor operator and senior reactor operator candidates.

The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the NRC's auditorium at the Two White Flint North building, 11545 Rockville Pike.

The voluntary trial program will allow licensees the option of drafting written examinations and operating tests for their individual plants. The NRC will review and approve the licensees' proposed written examinations and independently review, approve and conduct the hands-on operating tests. Licensees will conduct and grade the written examinations. The NRC will review the graded written examinations, grade the hands-on operating tests and make the final licensing decisions.

The voluntary program will run from October 1995 through March 1996. If the program is approved by the Commission, the NRC staff intends to implement the licensee-developed examination process in October 1996. Comments received at the workshop will be considered by the staff.

Individuals planning to attend should write or contact, by September 15, Lawrence Vick, NRC, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop OWFN, 10D22, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301/415-3181; Fax 301/415-2260; Internet:LXV@NRC.GOV.

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