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NRC STAFF PLANS WORKSHOP ON REVISED MAINTENANCE
INSPECTION PROCEDURE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public workshop August 18 in Rockville, MD, to discuss revisions to a procedure used by NRC inspectors to inspect licensee maintenance activities at nuclear power plants.

The revised procedure will become effective in October 1992 and will remain in effect until implementation of the new NRC maintenance rule on July 10, 1996, by which time new procedures will have been developed for use by NRC inspectors.

The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1750 Rockville Pike.

The NRC inspection procedure has been revised to de-emphasize a "process-oriented" approach to the regulation and inspection of licensee maintenance activities. This inspection change would shift from "taking a look at how a licensee does its maintenance work" to "did the licensee achieve the results intended by the maintenance work."

The workshop will consist of a plenary session, workshop break-out sessions and a summary session.

During the plenary session, NRC representatives will discuss the general contents of the interim maintenance inspection procedure and the issues related to the change to a results-based inspection. This will be followed by four parallel break-out sessions where attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the inspection procedure, or to make comments or suggestions for improvement. After the break-out sessions, the NRC staff will provide a brief summary of the issues discussed during the meeting.

The NRC is seeking public comment from all interested parties, including special interest groups. Written comments received by August 25 will also be considered.

Persons planning to attend the workshop are requested to register in advance. Registration information may be obtained by calling Mr. Thomas Foley, 301/504-1036.

The revised maintenance inspection procedure, "Inspection Procedure 62703, Monthly Maintenance Observation," is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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