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NRC STAFF PLANS WORKSHOP ON SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP) PROGRAM

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a workshop for September 29 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss proposed revisions to its Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) program.

The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville (telephone 301/468-1100).

The SALP program is an integrated NRC effort to collect and evaluate available agency insights, data and other information in a structured manner to assess and better understand licensee performance. Recommended changes to the program are contained in a draft Management Directive "Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance" (draft Management Directive 8.6) which is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C.

Once approved, the new directive will replace the current SALP program guidance which is contained in NRC Manual Chapter 0516 "Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance". A copy of the Manual Chapter also is available in the Public Document Room.

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

During the plenary session, NRC staff representatives will discuss recommended changes to the SALP program. This will be followed by break-out sessions where attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the program and make comments or suggestions for improving it. At the summary session, each of the break-out sessions will be summarized.

Persons planning to attend the workshop are requested to register in advance and registration information may be obtained by calling Cornelius Holden on 301/504-1037.

The NRC staff also is seeking written public comments on the SALP program. They should be received by September 29 and addressed to the Chief, Rules and Directives Review Branch, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.