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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a conference for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 and 5, with the nuclear industry, including utilities licensed to operate or build nuclear power plants, to discuss safety and regulatory issues of mutual interest.

The conference, which will be open to the public but with advance registration required, will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza located at 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland.

Introductory remarks will be given by NRC Chairman Dr. Ivan Selin and Commissioner E. Gail de Planque will be the Monday evening dinner speaker. Post-luncheon speakers on Tuesday and Wednesday will be Commissioners James R. Curtiss and Kenneth C. Rogers.

The theme of the conference will be enhancing and developing a better understanding of future trends for improved nuclear safety.

The first day of the conference will begin with a general plenary session on regulatory trends from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Specific breakout sessions, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., will address SALP (Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance) program modification; emergency preparedness focusing on lessons learned from Hurricane Andrew; qualification of electrical equipment; and fatigue (generic issues related to life extension and decommissioning).

The afternoon's plenary session, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will deal with operational safety issues and the breakout sessions from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. will focus on motor-operated valve testing; advanced light-water reactor design certification; reactor pressure vessel issues; and digital instrumentation and control systems.

James M. Taylor, the NRC's Executive Director for Operations will open the morning session on May 5 at 8:00 a.m. followed by a plenary session, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., discussing the agency's Regulatory Review Group. Breakout sessions will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 12 Noon and will be centered on fire barrier testing; analysis of operating events; Office of Enforcement and Office of Investigations' issues; and implementation of the revised radiation protection standards in Part 20 of the NRC's regulations.

Afternoon breakout sessions will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will deal with steam generator issues; accident precursor analysis; inspections of commercial grade and service water systems and components; and operator licensing rule changes. They will be followed from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. by a plenary session on license renewal.

Persons wishing information on registration and other details of the conference should contact Anna May Haycraft of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; telephone: 301/504-3075; facsimile: 301\504-3707.

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