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NRC STAFF SCHEDULES OPEN MEETING ON DRAFT
REVISION OF REGULATION GOVERNING FUEL-CYCLE LICENSEES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting, which will be open to public observation, with fuel-cycle licensees to obtain their views on a draft of proposed revisions to Part 70 of the Commission's regulations "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material".

The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Commission's Two White Flint North building at 11545 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2.

After a recent briefing of the Commission on the draft of the proposed rule changes, the staff was directed to reconsider the current plan to revise Part 70 in its entirety and to consider and evaluate alternative approaches to a total revision of the regulation. The staff also was directed to discuss the draft changes with affected fuel-cycle licensees to obtain their views on revisions to Part 70.

The effort to revise Part 70 requirements responds to an earlier Commission request that the staff establish a firm regulatory base for fuel-cycle facility licensing and inspection activities and for determining the adequacy of licensee performance.

Copies of the draft proposed rule, along with drafts of a Standard Review Plan and Standard Format and Content Guide which provide a thorough understanding of the impact of the proposed rule changes, can be obtained from the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20037; telephone: 202/634-3273; facsimile: 202/634-3343.

Written comments can be provided at the May 2 meeting or submitted prior to the meeting to Ms. Joan Higdon, Mail Stop: T-8-A33, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555-0111; facsimile: 301/415-5390; Internet: JXH1@NRC.GOV.
