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NRC STAFF PLANS WORKSHOP ON
MAINTENANCE RULE INSPECTION PROCEDURE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a workshop for Thursday, March 31, to discuss a draft maintenance procedure which is being developed for use by NRC inspectors to verify implementation of NRC requirements governing maintenance at NRC-licensed nuclear power plants. The NRC's maintenance requirements are contained in Part 50 of the Commission's regulations and are to become effective on July 10, 1996.

The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland 20852. It is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and run through 5 p.m.

Prior to finalizing the inspection procedure, the staff believes that it would be beneficial to obtain public comment on the document from all interested parties and the March 31 workshop is planned for that purpose. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and provide written comments on the procedure during the workshop. In addition, other written comments from parties unable to attend the workshop will be accepted through April 14. The workshop will conclude with a summary of the major issues identified at the session as well as a discussion of the planned use of the procedure during pilot inspections.

In order to assure that adequate seating is available, persons planning to attend the workshop are requested to either to call or complete a registration form and forward it, by March 25, to Thomas Foley, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555; telephone: 301.504-1036.

A group of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza (1-800/638-5963) for the convenience of meeting attendees. These rooms will be available at a reduced group rate until March 9 and, when requesting rooms, attendees should mention the workshop and the number 4093 to assure the group rate. The hotel will collect a ten dollar fee at registration or the morning of

the workshop to cover the costs of morning and afternoon refreshments.

A copy of a memorandum from Gary E. Zech to Elizabeth S. Yeates dated January 25, 1994, with the draft inspection procedure "Maintenance Inspection Procedure XXXXX" attached has been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room located on the lower level of the Gelman Building at 2120 L Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C. The telephone number is 202/634-3273.

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