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WORKSHOP ON ELECTRONIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Nuclear Information Management Associates (NIRMA) are hosting a workshop from December 7-9 on improving electronic information exchange between the NRC and the nuclear industry. The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza located at 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The session will also feature discussions on the future of electronic communications within the NRC and the impact these communications will have on NRC's regulations. Since NRC's communications with the industry are currently on paper, the advent of electronic communication may require a revision of agency rules on document submittal, notifications, timeliness, and other issues.

NRC Chairman Ivan Selin will deliver a pre-luncheon special address on December 7. Other speakers will include NRC staff, and representatives from NIRMA and the Nuclear Energy Institute. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. Advance registration is requested, but registration will also be offered on December 6 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. and during the workshop.

The first day will focus on organization and goals of the Electronic Information Exchange Task Force, the NRC document management system, and technology updates. The second day will feature information on Internet and MOSAIC, electronic submittal issues, adjudicatory electronic data interchange, and the AEOD online plant information book project. The third day will include discussions on RegNet, the NRR Pilot Electronic Information Exchange Plant Program, and industry's recommendations to the NRC on electronic information exchange.

There will also be demonstrations of electronic information exchange. Organizations wishing to demonstrate their technology and individuals interested in registering for the workshop, may contact Dave Wigginton, NRC, at (301) 504-1301 (dlw@nrc.gov), or Nancy Cincotta, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, at (301) 230-6724.