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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold its tenth annual Regulatory Information Conference, April 14 and 15, at the Capital Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

The conference will focus on enhancing and developing a better understanding of future trends for improved nuclear safety. The conference will be open to the public, but advance registration is suggested.

Samuel J. Collins, Director of the NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, will open the conference on Tuesday, April 14. Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson will be the featured morning speaker. Commissioner Nils J. Diaz also will address the group in the morning, followed by a plenary session on regional administrator panel Issues.

The Tuesday post-luncheon speaker will be Commissioner Greta J. Dicus. Tuesday afternoon will feature eight breakout sessions, beginning with four at 2:30 p.m. on restructuring and deregulation, enforcement Issues, architect engineer inspections, and public communications initiatives. Beginning at 3:45 p.m., sessions will be held on allegations/employee concerns, probabilistic risk assessment issues, the role of industry, and recent issues concerning emergency preparedness and response. The afternoon speaker (5:00pm - 5:30 pm) will be determined at a later date.

On Wednesday, April 15, the morning speaker will be Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr. From 9:05 until 10:15 a.m., the four NRC Regional Administrators will conduct separate breakout sessions concerning NRC/licensee communications. Four subsequent breakout sessions, will discuss NRC regulations for changes, tests and experiments (10 CFR 50.59), strategic planning/operating plan/budget impacts on industry, results of AEOD analysis of operating experience, and licensing actions/technical specification conversions.

The Wednesday, April 15, post-luncheon speaker will be determined at a later date. Afternoon breakout sessions from 2:45 pm to 4pm will address improvements to NRC's performance assessment process, license renewal, spent fuel storage/dry cask issues, and core performance/fuels issues. The closing plenary session will be held from 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm, followed by a conference feedback session.

For information on registration for the conference, interested persons should contact ES, Inc., by telephone at (202) 835-1585 or by FAX at (202) 835-0118.

