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REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS PANEL TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Reactor Oversight Process Initial Implementation Evaluation Panel (IIEP) will hold its first meeting November 1 and 2 in Rockville, Maryland.

The NRC established the panel to obtain advice and recommendations on the revised reactor oversight process in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The panel will independently evaluate the results of the first year of implementation of the revised reactor oversight process. It will provide its views and advice on possible revisions to the program in a written report.

On March 28, in approving initial implementation of the revised reactor oversight process to more than 100 commercial nuclear reactors, the Commission directed the NRC staff to convene an evaluation panel under FACA to evaluate the first year's experience.

The panel includes NRC staff from headquarters and regional offices, the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the California Energy Commission, the Nuclear Energy Institute, and representatives from licensees.

The November 1 and 2 meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in conference room T-8A1 of the agency's Two White Flint North Building at 11545 Rockville Pike.

Here is the tentative meeting agenda:

November 1

- 1:00 - 1:20 p.m. -- Welcome & opening remarks, introduction of committee members.
- 1:20 - 1:40 p.m. -- Role of independent advisory committees.
- 1:40 - 2:00 p.m. -- Legal requirements of FACA committees.
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. -- IIEP charter, discussion of proposed bylaws.
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. -- Break
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. -- Administrative support for FACA Committee.
- 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. -- Lessons learned and best practices from the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel.
- 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. -- Current status of the revised reactor oversight process.
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. -- Overview of staff performance measures.

November 2

8:00 - 10:15 a.m. -- Detailed discussion of staff performance measures.
10:15 - 10:30 a.m. -- Break
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. -- Detailed discussion of staff performance measures.
12:00 - 12:45 p.m. -- Lunch
12:45 - 3:15 p.m. -- IIEP discussion on acceptability of staff performance measures.
3:15 - 3:30 p.m. -- Break
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. -- Agenda planning.

Transcripts of the panel's meetings and reports will be available through the NRC's Public Document Room at (301) 415-4737. Meeting transcripts also will be placed on the NRC's internet home page when a special web site for the panel is created.

Formal procedures for the conduct of the panel meeting will be developed at the first meeting. Pending their adoption, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including members of the nuclear industry, at this first session.

Those seeking information on opportunities to present oral statements or on schedule changes should contact Loren R. Plisco at (404) 562-4501, E-mail LRP@nrc.gov or John D. Monninger at (301) 415-3495, E-mail JDM@nrc.gov.

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