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NRC TO MEET WITH PUBLIC ON MAY 11 TO DISCUSS USE OF RISK INFORMATION IN REGULATING NUCLEAR WASTE AND MATERIALS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with the public on May 11 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss criteria it is developing for determining when risk information should be used in the regulation of nuclear waste and materials.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the agency's Two White Flint North building, 11545 Rockville Pike, from 9 a.m to noon, and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

NRC officials will discuss two case studies in which the criteria under development were tested by applying them to the decommissioning of the Trojan nuclear plant in Oregon, and the transport of the plant's reactor vessel to a disposal site. The case studies were part of an overall effort by the NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards to examine the feasibility of using risk information in its regulation of waste and materials.

NRC has previously held public meetings to discuss how risk information is being used to regulate gas chromatographs, static eliminators and fixed gauges, which all use radioactive material.

The NRC staff's case study approach, the draft screening criteria, and the case study areas under consideration are described in the "Plan for Using Risk Information in the Materials and Waste Arenas: Case Studies" published in the *Federal Register* on November 7, 2000. The document also is available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/riskcasestudyplan.htm> on the NRC web site. Additional information about the meeting is available from Marissa Bailey at (301) 415-7648 or by e-mail at: MGB@NRC.GOV

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