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NRC SEEKS COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF NUCLEAR INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION ON AGENCY'S REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comments as part of a preliminary assessment of the potential impacts of the nuclear power industry's ongoing consolidation on the agency's regulatory oversight functions.

Specifically, the NRC's effort is designed to identify industry consolidation effects that may warrant changes to the agency's regulations, policies, processes, guidance and organizational structure.

The NRC staff has identified about two dozen regulatory oversight areas that could be impacted by industry consolidation, and has completed preliminary assessments of them. The staff is seeking comments and suggestions from the industry and members of the public on the identified issues and preliminary impact assessments that have been published, in their entirety, in today's issue of the *Federal Register* and on the NRC's web site, at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/CONSOLIMPACT/index.html>.

The comment period ends on August 27. Written comments may be mailed to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Comments may also be provided by accessing <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/wwwforms.html>.

Following an evaluation of the comments received, a public workshop will be held in late October at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss the regulatory oversight areas considered, the preliminary impact assessments, and the comments received. A notice about the workshop will be issued at a later date.

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