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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON DISCRIMINATION TASK GROUP DRAFT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Discrimination Task Group is holding a series of public meetings nationwide this summer to solicit comments on draft recommendations contained in its Discrimination Task Group Report. Designed to improve the agency's handling of complaints by nuclear industry workers who allege they have been discriminated against by their employer after raising safety concerns, the draft report contains some 40 preliminary recommendations.

The NRC formed the Task Group last April to review the way the agency handles discrimination complaints filed by nuclear industry workers and to recommend possible changes to the agency's regulations, enforcement policy, or other agency guidelines. After the series of public meetings is held, the Task Group will develop final recommendations for the Commission to consider.

The public meetings will be held as follows:

-- June 25 at the NRC's Technical Training Center, Osborne Office Center, 7546 Marlin Road, Chattanooga, TN., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-- July 11 at the agency's Region III offices, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-- July 12 in Paducah, KY., at the Paducah Community College Engineering Building, Crounse Hall Main Lecture Hall, 4810 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, KY. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-- August 9 at the San Luis Obispo Public Library, Library Conference Room, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-- August 14 at the Waterford Town Hall, 15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-- August 16 at the NRC's Two White Flint North building, at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD., starting at 9:30 a.m.

Further information regarding the draft report and schedule changes may be obtained via the agency's Office of Enforcement web site at http://www.nrc.gov/OE , or by contacting Barry Westreich between 8 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. at 301-415-3456, e-mail at www.BCW@nrc.gov .

For those unable to attend one of the public meetings, comments on the draft may also be submitted by August 17 to the agency's Office of Enforcement web site or in writing to Barry Westreich, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001.

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