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## **NRC ANNUAL NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20- 22 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold its annual Nuclear Safety Research Conference on October 20- 22 at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center in Washington, D.C.

The conference, which is open to the public, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The Marriott Hotel at Metro Center is located at 775 Twelfth Street N.W., adjacent to the Metro Center subway station.

Guest speakers and panelists will include NRC Chairman Nils Diaz, NRC Commissioners Edward McGaffigan, Jr., and Jeffrey Merrifield, along with representatives from international organizations, industry, government and the research community.

The conference, which will feature three panel discussions, will focus on major issues of interest to the nuclear community. Participants include researchers, regulators, utility representatives and public interest groups from the United States and more than 20 foreign countries. It is a leading forum for experts to discuss the results and insights obtained from the agency's extensive research program, as well as to take a look at research activities planned in the near future.

This year's agenda offers technical sessions that include advanced reactors, decommissioning, behavior of nuclear fuels and operating experience evaluations. Two days will be devoted to plenary sessions on risk-informed regulation/realistic conservatism and materials degradation -- present status and future direction. A panel discussion on knowledge management and data preservation will also be part of the conference.

Those who wish to attend the conference are encouraged to review this year's agenda in detail, as well as to register in advance, at [www.bnl.gov/NSRC](http://www.bnl.gov/NSRC) , or by contacting Sandra Nesmith at [www.srn@nrc.gov](mailto:www.srn@nrc.gov) , or Wendy Eisenberg at [www.wpe.nrc.gov](http://www.wpe.nrc.gov) .

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