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NRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF TWO NEW WEBSITES ON CONDUCT OF HEARINGS AND PENDING APPLICATIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is making available two new websites on agency hearings. The first is designed to help familiarize members of the public with the NRC's new regulations governing the conduct of hearings. The second includes information on the NRC's receipt of major licensing applications and opportunities to request a hearing or petition to intervene for major applications and regulatory actions.

The new website on the conduct of agency hearings is located at <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/adjudicatory/part2revisions.html>. As previously announced (in a press release dated November 14), the NRC is amending the regulations governing the hearing process to make them more effective, efficient and understandable to the public. The revisions were published in the *Federal Register* today and will be effective on February 13.

Included in this website are several user tools providing: (1) answers to frequently asked questions about the revised rules, (2) cross-references between corresponding sections of the former and new rules, and (3) a quick reference guide outlining relevant actions and deadlines for various types of hearings. This site also contains copies of former and new regulations, which appear in Part 2 of the Commission's regulations, and a copy of the *Federal Register* notice announcing the new regulations.

The second website is available to inform the public of the NRC's receipt of major applications for licensing actions or certifications, pre-applications, or notices of intent to file applications, as well as opportunities for the public to request a hearing or to intervene for major applications and regulatory actions. This website can be found from the web address in the *Federal Register* notice or at <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing-license-applications.html>.

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