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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED RULE ON REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT OR IMPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting Oct. 19 concerning its proposed rule tightening licensing requirements for the exportation and importation of high-risk radioactive materials.

The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in room 1-F16 of NRC's One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. Members of the public wishing to attend are requested to arrive at least 30 minutes early for processing through building security.

The NRC published its proposed rule in September. The rule aims to implement recent changes to the policies of the Commission and the U.S. government regarding the security of radioactive materials and reflects guidelines adopted last year by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The proposed rule would require a specific license for the export or import of high-risk radioactive materials. Under current NRC regulations, these materials may be exported or imported under a general license, which does not require filing an application to the NRC or the issuance of licensing documents.

The proposed rule, the regulatory analysis and any public comments received are available on the NRC's Web site at http://ruleforum.llnl.gov. The documents are also available through the NRC's Public Document Room, at (301) 415-4737, or 1 (800) 397-4209.

For more information about the meeting, contact Suzanne Schuyler-Hayes, Office of International Programs, at (301) 415-2333.

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