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NRC RE-SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS REVISIONS, ADDITIONS TO PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has rescheduled a public meeting for March 9, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss a proposed rule amending its security regulations related to the physical protection of nuclear power reactors. The originally scheduled meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, at NRC headquarters, in the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. A telephone bridge line will also be available. To pre-register for the bridge, call 301-415-2589 or send an e-mail to ljr2@nrc.gov by March 6.

The proposed rule enhances requirements for access controls, event reporting, security personnel training, safety and security activity coordination, contingency planning and radiological sabotage protection. It would also add requirements related to background checks for firearms users and authorization for enhanced weapons to fulfill certain provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

This proposed rule was published in the Federal Register last year inviting the public to submit comments. The comment period ends today. In order to allow all stakeholders time to understand the rule and ensure the NRC has a full understanding of stakeholder issues, the comment period will be reopened until March 26. The entire proposed rule along with information on how to submit comments can be found on the NRC's eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

More information about security requirements for NRC licensees can be found on the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/safety-security.html>.

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