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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking comments from members of the public, licensees and interested groups on implementation of the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP). The NRC's ROP is the agency's program to inspect, measure and assess the safety performance of commercial nuclear power plants and to respond to any decline in performance.

In particular, the NRC would appreciate the public's answers to a list of 20 questions relating to the ROP, including the following:

- Does the Inspection Program adequately cover areas important to safety and/or security?
- Does the Performance Indicator Program provide useful insights, particularly when combined with the inspection program, to help ensure plant safety and/or security?
- Is the ROP understandable, and are the processes, procedures and products clear and written in plain English?
- Has the public had sufficient opportunity to participate in the ROP and provide input and comments?

All 20 questions are contained in the Federal Register notice, which should be published shortly. An electronic version of the survey questions and additional information about the ROP are available at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/index.html>.

The comment period runs until Nov. 6. You may submit completed questionnaires and/or comments by any one of the following methods: Federal Rulemaking Website at www.regulations.gov (Docket ID NRC-2009-0417) and address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher (301) 492-3668; e-mail her at Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. Mail comments to Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch (RDB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or fax to RDG at (301) 492-3446.

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Rockville, Md. 20852, or visit the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>.

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