

# Abbreviations & Acronyms

<b>ACRS</b>	Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
<b>ADAMS</b>	Agencywide Documents Access and Management System
<b>AIT</b>	Augmented Inspection Team
<b>AE</b>	Architect Engineer
<b>BWR</b>	Boiling Water Reactor
<b>CFO</b>	Chief Financial Officer
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CIO</b>	Chief Information Officer
<b>COL</b>	Combined Construction Operating License
<b>DCR</b>	Design Certification Rule
<b>DOE</b>	Department of Energy
<b>ECSS</b>	Emergency Core Cooling System
<b>EDO</b>	Executive Director for Operations
<b>EEO</b>	Equal Employment Opportunity
<b>EIS</b>	Environmental Impact Statement
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Agency
<b>FDA</b>	Final Design Approval
<b>FEMA</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency
<b>FSME</b>	Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs
<b>HLW</b>	High Level Waste
<b>IAEA</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency
<b>IIT</b>	Incident Investigation Team
<b>ITAAC</b>	Inspection, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria
<b>LLW</b>	Low Level Waste
<b>LOCA</b>	Loss of Coolant Accident
<b>LWR</b>	Light Water Reactor (most common reactor licensed in the U.S.)
<b>NEPA</b>	National Environmental Policy Act
<b>NMSS</b>	Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
<b>NRC</b>	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
<b>NRO</b>	Office of New Reactors
<b>NRR</b>	Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
<b>NSIR</b>	Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response
<b>NUREG</b>	A technical report issued by the NRC
<b>OGC</b>	Office of the General Counsel
<b>OI</b>	Office of Investigations
<b>PDR</b>	NRC's Public Document Room
<b>PWR</b>	Pressurized Water Reactor
<b>rem</b>	roentgen equivalent man (unit of radiation exposure)
<b>REG GUIDE</b>	Regulatory Guide (Guidance to licensees on technical matters)
<b>RES</b>	Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
<b>SAR</b>	Safety Analysis Report
<b>SER</b>	Safety Evaluation Report
<b>SECY</b>	Office of the Secretary



# A Guide to Open Commission Meetings



**Commission Hearing Room**  
**One White Flint North**  
**11555 Rockville Pike**  
**Rockville, MD**

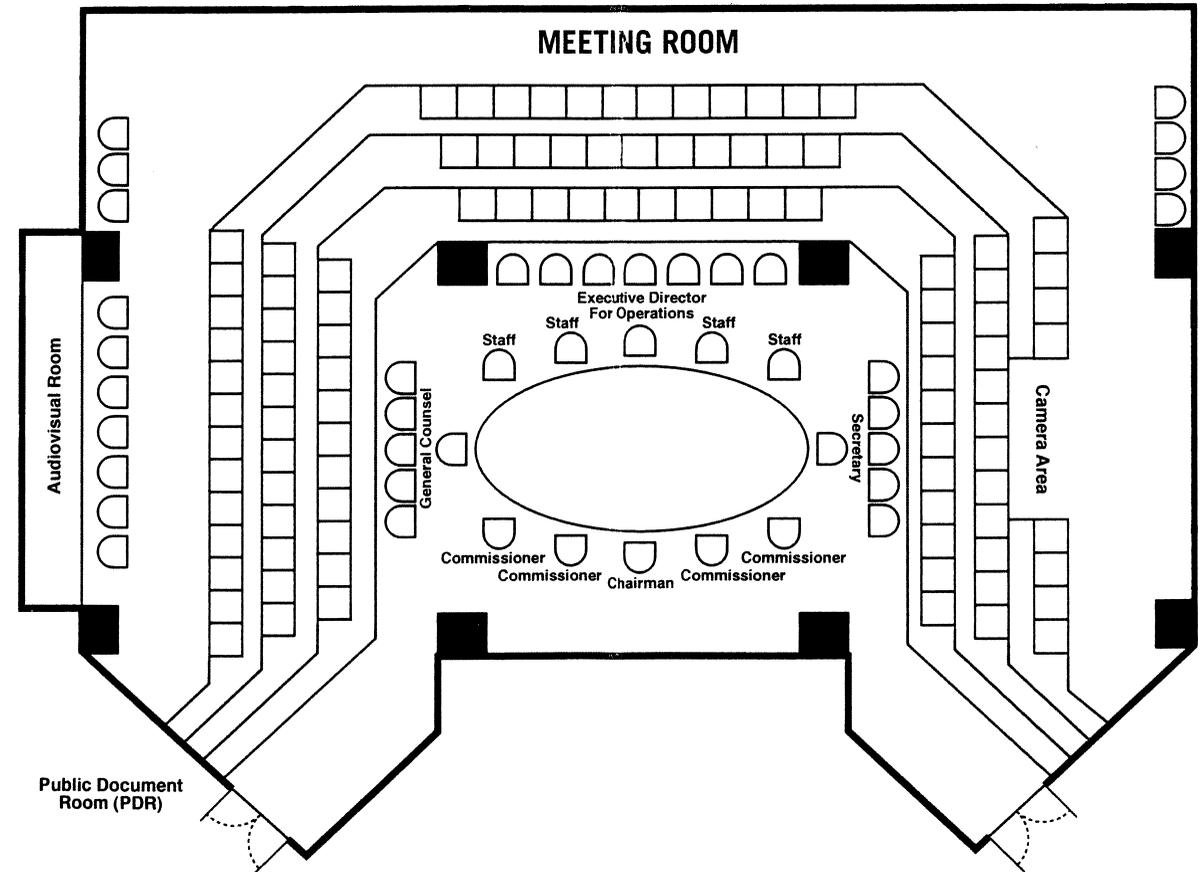
# Welcome To NRC Open Commission Meetings

We hope this guide will help you understand what is taking place during Commission meetings. NRC has five Commissioners, each of whom has an equal vote. The Chairman has added administrative responsibilities that include being spokesman for the Commission and chairing the meetings.

There is often considerable discussion during the meetings. The Commissioners ask questions of the staff and talk with one another as they

deliberate on the issues before them. They frequently assume an advocacy or opposition role to stimulate conversation and their remarks do not necessarily reflect their official views.

For more information about the Commission and its work we invite you to visit the Public Document Room which is adjacent to the Commission Hearing Room, First Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.



**COMMISSIONERS:** The Chairman sits in the center. Other Commissioners sit to his left and right.

**GENERAL COUNSEL:** The General Counsel is present to advise the Commissioners on legal matters that may arise.

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary's office handles the logistics of the meetings and records Commission decisions and votes taken on both open and closed meetings.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:** The Executive Director is chief officer of the staff and serves as the Commission's agent in directing and coordinating staff activities. Under general supervision of the Chairman, the EDO is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the agency.

**NRC STAFF:** Personnel briefing the Commission sit at the table. Supporting staff are seated behind them to assist the briefers as required. Questions raised by the Commission are referred to appropriate staff members.

**STAKEHOLDERS:** Outside individuals that have shown interest in a particular meeting topic, and could assist the Commission in making its decisions. Examples include other Federal Agencies; States; elected officials; Tribal Governments; experts; organizations; and persons that represent a broad spectrum of views and bring a unique prospective to the meeting.

**ANNOUNCING MEETINGS:** A listing of six weeks of Commission meetings is published each week in the Federal Register and posted to the NRC

external web page ([www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)). The announcement discloses the time, place, and subject matter of the meeting, states whether it is an open or closed meeting, and gives the name and telephone number of an official designated to respond to requests for information about the meeting. Notice of meetings is given to the press through the wire services and by mailings to individuals who have requested copies of such notices. A recorded message, which provides information on scheduled Commission meetings for the upcoming six weeks, is available by dialing (301) 415-1292. If an unanticipated meeting is required, the NRC issues an announcement as early as possible.

**OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS:** Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe all Commission meetings, except when the Commission finds that the public interest requires otherwise. There are ten exceptions to the open meeting rule specified in the Sunshine Act. The NRC generally will close meetings involving the following exemptions: classified documents; internal personnel matters; information that is confidential by statute; trade secrets; personal privacy; investigatory records; or adjudicatory matters. Most open Commission meetings are accessible for viewing through the NRC's external web site ([www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)) as the meeting is actually taking place (webcasting) and are also archived for one year for viewing at a later date. Transcripts of open meetings are posted on the NRC's external web site and are also available to the public on ADAMS through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room.

**CONDUCT IN THE HEARING ROOM:** In order that the public business can be administered in a fair and orderly fashion, a few standards have been established for behavior in the Commission Hearing room:

- a. Commission meetings are open for the public to observe. Members of the public are not allowed to participate in Commission deliberations unless specifically requested to participate by the Commission. Pursuant to regulation promulgated by the General Services Administration for conduct in public buildings, 41 CFR 102-74.390, disorderly conduct or other conduct which creates loud or unusual noise or a nuisance, impedes or disrupts the performance of official duties by the Commission or its staff or interferes with the orderly conduct of the scheduled presentations, may result in expulsion from the meeting room.
- b. All signs, banners, posters, etc., not larger than 18 inches square will be permitted, but cannot be waived, held over one's head or generally moved about while in the meeting room. Signs, banners or posters larger than 18 inches square will not be permitted in the meeting room because they are disruptive both to the participants and to the audience. Additionally, signs, banners, posters, etc., affixed to any sticks, poles or other similar devices will not be permitted in the meeting room.
- c. Eating, drinking, or smoking is prohibited in the Commission Hearing Room.
- d. You may record the proceedings at your seat with a battery-operated device. You may also film, photograph or video tape meetings using cameras in designated fixed positions without additional lighting. Filming should be coordinated in advance with the NRC Office of Public Affairs, 301-415-8200.

Copies of principle staff papers and/or graphics discussed in the presentation are available at the meeting room entrances and are available

approximately 48 hours after the meeting on ADAMS through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room. In addition, copies of the slides used by presenters are made available approximately 1-2 days in advance of the meeting date on the NRC external web site ([www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)). In some instances, the Commission will make the principal staff papers available prior to the meeting through ADAMS and the NRC's external web site.

**VOTING:** After discussion of each item, the Chairman usually summarizes the issues and, in coordination with the Commissioners, direct certain action. Each Commissioner may be asked to vote; the Chairman may issue instructions to the staff, or defer a decision and direct the staff to submit additional data at some later date. The Chairman may also ask the Commissioners to affirm certain Commission papers upon which each Commissioner has previously voted. Votes are recorded by the Secretary and included in staff requirements memoranda which are the official minutes of the meeting.

#### **LEGAL CITATIONS:**

- a. Government in the Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409, 94th Congo Sept. 13, 1976; 90 STAT. 1241,5 U.S.C. 552B.
- b. NRC Rules Implementing Government in the Sunshine Act 42 FR 12875, March 7, 1977; 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 9.100-9.109.
- c. Rules and Regulations Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. General Services Administration Rules, 41 CFR 102-74.390.