

July 15, 2011

ALL STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

NATIONAL STATE LIAISON OFFICERS 2011 CONFERENCE (FSME-11-067)

Purpose: To (1) provide notification of the National State Liaison Officers (SLO) 2011 conference to be held in Rockville, Maryland on November 1-2, 2011; (2) inform participants about an opportunity to attend a training course on November 3, entitled "NRC: What It Is and What It Does;" and (3) provide conference participants with registration information and travel instructions.

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Background: Approximately every two years, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) convenes a meeting with all Governor-appointed SLOs to discuss issues of significant interest to the States and NRC in the areas of nuclear regulation, nuclear security, radiological public health and safety, and environmental issues. This meeting provides a unique opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest with representatives from multiple States and with NRC senior management. Previous National SLO conferences have been well attended and tremendously successful.

Discussion: The NRC-sponsored National SLO conference will be held on November 1-2, 2011, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Rockville, Maryland. Participants will also be provided an opportunity to attend a training course on November 3, entitled "NRC: What It Is and What It Does." Based on feedback from NRC's Regional SLOs, including input from some SLOs, we are developing an agenda for the SLO conference that will include key items of interest for all participants. Some of the agenda topics include: Japan earthquake/tsunami event; power reactor licensing; emergency response; waste disposal and transportation; handling and sharing of sensitive and security related information; tritium groundwater leakage; roles and responsibilities of SLO; and National Academy of Sciences' cancer-risk study. Questions or comments regarding the conference should be directed to Cindy Flannery at (301) 415-0223 or by e-mail at Cindy.Flannery@nrc.gov.

Conference Registration and Conference Website - Please refer to the following website to learn more about the conference:

www.blsmeetings.net/NRC2011StateLiaisonConference.

You may register for the SLO conference, make travel arrangements, and register for the November 3, NRC course, on-line at the website. Additional information will be added to the website over the coming weeks as it becomes available.

NRC to Fund Travel and Per Diem Expenses - NRC will fund the travel and per diem expenses for all SLOs attending the meeting and the NRC course. Enclosed you will find travel instructions, including lodging information, and the necessary travel registration form which is required to be filled out in order to prepare your travel authorization. This travel registration form may either be completed on the registration section of the website or faxed as early as possible, but **no later than September 30, 2011**, to Amanda Noonan at (301) 415-5955. Note that reimbursement will be authorized in accordance with hotel check-in on October 31, 2011, and check-out on November 3, 2011 (or November 4, 2011 if you are attending the NRC course "NRC: What It Is and What It Does"). Any deviation from this time frame should be noted on the travel registration form. If you have any questions related to travel for this conference, Ms. Noonan would be pleased to assist you by telephone at 301-415-2551 or by e-mail Amanda.Noonan@nrc.gov.

Training Course for SLOs on November 3 - NRC's course "NRC: What It Is and What It Does," will be available for SLOs to attend on November 3, 2011 in NRC's Two White Flint Auditorium. Based on suggestions made at the 2009 SLO conference, NRC has scheduled this course to be held in conjunction with the 2011 SLO conference to provide an opportunity for SLOs to learn more about the NRC. This classroom course provides an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the major offices in NRC. The course agenda will include presentations by senior managers from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs; Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; Office of New Reactors; Office of Public Affairs; and Regional Operations. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the NRC's history and mission, roles of various offices within the NRC, and the interaction between these offices. To register for the course, please select the option on the registration website.

Finally, while at NRC Headquarters, if there are any issues specific to your State that you would like to discuss with NRC staff, please let us know so that we can attempt to arrange separate meetings for you with the appropriate NRC personnel.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this meeting, please contact me directly at (301) 415-7278 or through the staff contacts previously stated. We look forward to your participation in the National SLO Conference.

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