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NRC TO DISCUSS STATION BLACKOUT RULEMAKING APRIL 25 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with interested groups and members of the public on Wednesday, April 25, in Rockville, Md., to discuss how the agency is considering changes to the “station blackout” (or SBO) rule.

The meeting will run from 1 – 5 p.m. EDT in Room T2B3 of the NRC Headquarters complex, 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. Members of the public can also participate in the meeting via teleconference and webinar. For information on pre-registering, calling in or participating in the webinar, please contact Timothy Reed at 301-415-1462 or timothy.reed@nrc.gov.

The meeting will discuss the staff’s preliminary thoughts on a recently announced [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (ANPR) to revise the SBO rule. The rule requires U.S. commercial nuclear power plants to safely deal with the loss of electricity from the transmission grid and onsite emergency generators. This rulemaking process comes in response to a recommendation for enhancing safety at U.S. reactors based on lessons learned from the accident at Japan’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The meeting is meant to inform the public about the staff’s approach to revising the SBO rule, and to allow the public to ask clarifying questions. Comments on the ANPR, however, should be provided through the regulations.gov website by searching for files under **Docket ID NRC-2011-0299**. Comments (referencing the Docket ID) can also be e-mailed to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov; mailed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555-0001; or faxed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

The comment deadline is May 4; comments received after the deadline will be considered if possible, but the NRC is only able to ensure consideration of comments received by the deadline. Timely comments would be greatly appreciated given the Commission’s direction to expedite this rulemaking effort.

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