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NRC PRESENTING AT NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MEETING JULY 19 ON NRC-SPONSORED FUKUSHIMA DAI-ICHI STUDY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will discuss its actions following last year's nuclear accident in Japan during the National Academy of Sciences' (NAS) initial committee meeting on an NRC-sponsored study into the accident. The meeting's public session will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon on July 19, at the NAS Auditorium, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW in Washington, D.C.

The NRC will describe the agency's Near-Term Task Force report and how the task force's recommendations have been prioritized. The agency will also discuss recently issued [Orders and a request for information](#) that deal with issues highlighted in the accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in March 2011. NRC staff will also be available to answer committee member questions.

The NAS asks members of the public to register for the meeting, and the NAS [website](#) has additional details, although they are subject to change. General questions on the study, "Lessons Learned from the Fukushima Nuclear Accident for Improving Safety and Security at U.S. Nuclear Plants," can be sent via e-mail to Fukushima@nas.edu.

Congress mandated this NAS project following a recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, which examined alternatives for storing, processing and disposing of spent nuclear fuel. The NAS study, funded from the NRC's budget, will address several issues, including:

- Causes of the Fukushima accident;
- Re-analysis of previous NAS studies on the safety and security of storing spent fuel and high-level radioactive waste;
- Lessons learned from Fukushima to improve commercial nuclear power plant safety; and
- Lessons learned from Fukushima to improve regulation of commercial nuclear power plants.

The NAS is expected to provide a final report by mid-2014.

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