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NRC to Hold Vendor Oversight Workshop in Portland, Ore, On June 12

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is holding a workshop Thursday, June 12, in Portland, Ore., on how the agency oversees vendors and suppliers for the nuclear industry.

“We held the first of these workshops six years ago, and in that time the industry and the NRC have learned a great deal and undertaken several improvement initiatives on vendor performance and oversight,” said Glenn M. Tracy, director of NRC’s Office of New Reactors. “While we’ve made significant progress, we continue to face challenges and there is more to accomplish. Vendors and industry play a vital role in ensuring nuclear safety and enhancing the regulatory process.”

The workshop, open to the public, runs from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, 1401 SW Naito Parkway, Portland. Presenters will include NRC staff, members of the Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC, an industry vendor clearinghouse), Nuclear Energy Institute representatives, Electric Power Research Institute officials, and current nuclear vendors. Registration will be available at the hotel and a teleconference line will be available. Individuals interested in listening by phone or who require reasonable accommodations to participate in the workshop should contact Raju Patel by June 6, via e-mail at Raju.Patel@nrc.gov or via phone at 301 415-3511.

The NRC staff expects the workshop will bring together members of the public, licensees, applicants, vendors, suppliers of basic components, and industry organizations. NRC staff will lead discussions on issues such as vendor oversight; 10 CFR Part 21 rulemaking activities; international calibration laboratories; activities in counterfeit, fraudulent, or suspect items; commercial-grade dedication of safety-related items and software quality assurance; and supplier oversight implementation. NRC staff will be available at the end of each workshop session for additional discussions. The NRC is holding the workshop in conjunction with the NUPIC vendor meeting to make it easier for vendors to participate. Additional workshop information is available on the NRC [website](#).