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ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS FOR DECOMMISSIONING POWER REACTORS AND NOTICE OF UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING (STC-15-083)

PURPOSE: To provide notification of (1) the publication of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) and request for comment in the *Federal Register*, and (2) an upcoming public meeting to discuss the decommissioning ANPR.

BACKGROUND: The NRC is issuing this ANPR to obtain input from stakeholders on the development of a draft regulatory basis that would support potential changes to the NRC's regulations for the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors. The NRC's goals in amending these regulations would be to provide an efficient decommissioning process; reduce the need for exemptions from existing regulations; and support the principles of good regulation, including openness, clarity, and reliability. The NRC is soliciting public comments on the contemplated action through January 4, 2016, and invites stakeholders and interested persons to participate. The NRC is holding a public meeting on December 9, 2015, to promote full understanding of the questions contained in this ANPR and facilitate public comment.

DISCUSSION: Enclosed with this letter is the *Federal Register* Notice supporting the ANPR. The ANPR was published in the *Federal Register* (80 FR 72358) on November 19, 2015, and posted on the Federal e-rulemaking portal <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. NRC-2015-0070. The *Federal Register* Notice can be accessed at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-19/pdf/2015-29536.pdf>. Comments on the ANPR are due by January 4, 2016 and the *Federal Register* Notice details how to submit comments. A public meeting on the decommissioning ANPR is being held on December 9, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The notice for this meeting is enclosed with this letter and can also be accessed at <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1530/ML15306A003.pdf>. The public meeting will be accessible by teleconference and webinar. Please see the meeting notice for the bridge line information and the URL to register for the webinar.

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