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Dear Colleague:

It is a pleasure to notify you about the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC). This event, which is sponsored by the NRC Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research, will be held over three days on March 8-10, 2016, at the Marriott Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center, located at 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852.

The RIC is an opportunity for NRC representatives, regulated utilities, interested stakeholders, and foreign counterparts to discuss a variety of regulatory initiatives. At this year's RIC, numerous technical sessions will include an international perspective. The conference will also feature sessions focused on international activities, including:

- Enhancing New Reactor Reviews Through International Cooperation
- Ongoing Domestic and International Efforts to Prepare for Advanced and Small Modular Reactors
- From Operation to Decommissioning; International Perspectives on Nuclear Power Plant Closure Considerations
- Leveraging Topical Partnerships for Improved Nuclear Safety and Security Practices
- International Strategies to Support Ongoing Regulatory Activities and Emerging Nuclear Safety and Security Issues

In order to further highlight NRC's international activities at the RIC, the NRC's Office of International Programs (OIP) will have two international booths set up on the main exhibit floor. The booths will address NRC's nuclear material and technology import and export activities and NRC's international assistance and cooperation programs. OIP encourages international participants to visit OIP's booths during the RIC.

Additional information about the RIC program of events and details can be found by visiting the NRC public website at: [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). It will be possible to register for the RIC through the NRC's public website beginning in January 2016. Due to high demand, please consider making your lodging arrangements for the conference as early as possible.

The conference is an opportunity for discussing a wide range of nuclear safety topics. All RIC attendees are encouraged to attend a variety of sessions, participate in the discussions that follow each panel presentation, and exchange views with other RIC participants. The NRC welcomes a large and diverse group of participants at the RIC, and we encourage you to share this notification about the upcoming conference more broadly with your colleagues and organization. Although the NRC hopes that you will be able to participate in this event, please note that there is no funding associated with this notification.

For further information or assistance, please contact Ms. Emily Larson at 301-415-1151, or e-mail her at [emily.larson@nrc.gov](mailto:emily.larson@nrc.gov), or Ms. Susan Wittick at 301-415-1055, or e-mail her at [susan.wittick@nrc.gov](mailto:susan.wittick@nrc.gov).

We look forward to meeting you at the RIC.

Sincerely,

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William M. Dean, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Michael F. Weber, Director  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

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