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NRC to Hold Fifth Vendor Oversight Workshop June 23 in St. Louis

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will host its fifth [workshop on vendor oversight](#) June 23 in St. Louis.

“Vendor expertise and high-quality nuclear components are vital for ensuring the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of nuclear facilities,” said Jennifer Uhle, director of NRC’s Office of New Reactors. “This workshop provides a great opportunity to share lessons and exchange information with vendors that provide components and services to nuclear power plants.”

The workshop runs from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch, 315 Chestnut St. Workshop presenters will include the NRC staff, the Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee, the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and nuclear vendors. The NRC encourages those interested in attending the workshop to [pre-register](#) by June 9. Individuals needing reasonable accommodations to participate in the workshop should contact Andrea Keim by June 9, at Andrea.Keim@nrc.gov or at 301-415-1671.

The workshop audience will likely include members of the public, companies operating U.S. nuclear power plants, vendors, suppliers of basic components and industry organizations. Discussion topics will include relevant NRC regulations, using commercial-grade products in nuclear power plants, key vendor issues, and international laboratory accreditation cooperation related to commercial calibration and testing. Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to discuss both [NRC draft guidance](#) and an EPRI document related to commercial-grade design and analysis computer programs. NRC staff will be available at the end of each workshop session for additional discussions.