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NOTIFICATION OF AN UPCOMING WEBINAR ON HIGH BURNUP FUEL DRY STORAGE (STC-16-063)

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Background: As reactor spent fuel pools fill up, utilities turn to dry storage systems. Dry storage systems' designs vary. The NRC reviews and approves applications for dry storage systems and also inspects their usage. When fuel is stored for periods beyond their initial licensing term, utilities must demonstrate the management of environmental degradation on storage system components. This may be done through inspections or by performing analyses to show that a component can maintain its function, even in light of potential degradation.

Discussion: The NRC continues to seek ways to provide technical support for training and to engage States and Tribes on topics. This webinar will provide an overview of NRC's licensing process for dry storage of high burnup fuel. Considerations for distinguishing between low and high burnup fuel, approaches used to assure adequate fuel performance, and other ongoing research initiatives on high burnup fuel will be discussed.

This "High Burnup Fuel Dry Storage" webinar is scheduled for September 21, 2016, from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (ET). Participants must register in advance of the webinar at the following link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/605505827668934658.

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