

November 21, 2016

Dear Colleague:

It is our pleasure to notify you about the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) 29th Regulatory Information Conference (RIC). This annual event, which is sponsored by the NRC's Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research, will be held on March 14-16, 2017, at the Bethesda North Marriott 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 the upcoming RIC, numerous technical sessions will focus on international activities, including:

- International Regulators' Focus and Perspectives
- Leveraging International Research and Facilities to Inform Regulatory Decision-Making
- Advanced Non-Light Water Reactors – International Coordination and Collaboration
- International Perspectives on Decommissioning
- International Perspectives on Public Engagement

In order to further highlight NRC's international activities at the RIC, the NRC's Office of International Programs will have a booth on the main exhibit floor. The booth will address NRC's nuclear material and technology import and export activities and NRC's international assistance and cooperation programs. We encourage international participants to visit the booth during the RIC if you have any questions or need assistance.

The conference is an opportunity to discuss 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 within your organization.

Additional information about the RIC program of events and details can be found by visiting the NRC public Web site at: www.nrc.gov. Online registration for the RIC will be available beginning in January 2017. Please note this event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Due to high demand, please consider making your lodging arrangements for the conference as early as possible.

For further information or assistance, please contact Ms. Susan Wittick at 1-301-287-9068 or susan.wittick@nrc.gov, or Ms. Shannon King at 1-301-287-9091 or shannon.king@nrc.gov.

We look forward to meeting you at the RIC.

Sincerely,

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