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FROM: Andrea D. Veil, Executive Director **/RA/**  
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**Monthly Communication of Official NRC Notices to the ACRS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
3/22/17	<p data-bbox="358 401 1328 453"><b>New and Improved Rulemaking Information</b></p> <p data-bbox="358 495 1471 716">On March 10, 2017, the Office of Administration (ADM), with the support of the members of the agency's Rulemaking Coordinating Committee, deployed a centralized <a href="#">rulemaking tracking and reporting tool</a>. The Web-based system provides internal and external stakeholders with consistent, accurate, and up-to-date information on all of the agency's planned rulemaking and petition for rulemaking (PRM) activities.</p> <p data-bbox="358 764 1471 869">NRC staff can access the tool from the agency's Intranet page, <a href="#">drupal.nrc.gov</a>, by selecting: Topics, Information Resources, Databases &amp; Document Repositories, Planned Rulemaking Activities Database.</p> <p data-bbox="358 919 1446 1140">With the exception of budget data, all information from the system is presented to the public on the public Web site, and can be accessed by selecting "<a href="#">NRC Rules and Petitions</a>" under the tab for "Public Meetings &amp; Involvement" from the NRC Home page. Members of the public are able to search and filter on several key data fields, and download all rulemaking and PRM data in spreadsheet format.</p> <p data-bbox="358 1188 1446 1409">The rulemaking and PRM information will be updated on a bi-weekly basis. Training for the NRC rulemaking project managers is scheduled for April 13, 2017, at the Professional Development Center. There will be a morning and an afternoon session. If you are a rulemaking project manager, please contact <a href="#">Jill Shepherd-Vladimir</a>, Senior Regulations Specialist, 301-415-1230, to register for one of the training sessions.</p> <p data-bbox="358 1457 1446 1562">If you have any questions regarding the tracking of NRC's rulemakings and PRMs, including the use of the new system, please contact <a href="#">Leslie Terry</a>, Rules Team Lead, 301-415-1167.</p>

3/16/17	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Change to VPN Login Procedures, March 23, 2017</h2> <p>On Thursday, March 23, 2017, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is changing how NRC users access NRC resources over Virtual Private Network (VPN). This is the first step in the rollout of the ICAM Authentication Gateway.</p>
	<p>The ICAM Authentication Gateway is part of OCIO's continuing efforts to improve secure access and protect NRC information. As OCIO continues to upgrade technology, the ICAM Authentication Gateway accomplishes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consolidates access to the agency's public-facing applications;</li> <li>Reduces the number of user IDs and passwords you must remember, and the burden of issues like password resets;</li> <li>Supports new authentication mechanisms that significantly strengthen the NRC security stance; positions the agency for future authentication mechanisms.</li> </ul>
3/10/17	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Yellow Announcement:</b> YA-17-0030</p> <p><b>TO: All NRC Employees</b></p> <p><b>SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>The Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) ensures that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) adheres to its own regulations and backfit provisions in proposed requirements for NRC-licensed power reactor licensees and selected nuclear materials licensees. The CRGR also provides guidance on backfitting to NRC program offices. After reviewing the NRC staff's proposed regulatory initiatives, the CRGR recommends that the Executive Director for Operations approve or disapprove these initiatives.</p> <p>While Edwin Hackett, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research and CRGR Chairman is on detail to the Chairman's office, I have appointed Steven West, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, as the Chairman of the CRGR, effective immediately. In addition, I</p>

have appointed Anne Boland, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, as a CRGR member, effective immediately.

The CRGR members are as follows:

K. Steven West, Chairman, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

Anne T. Boland, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

Brian J. McDermott, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Scott W. Moore, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Vonna L. Ordaz, Office of New Reactors

Leonard D. Wert, Jr., Region II

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Executive Director for Operations

3/6/17

**Yellow Announcement:** YA-17-0025

**TO: All NRC Employees**

**SUBJECT: NRC POLICY ON DIFFERING VIEWS**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) strives to establish and maintain an environment that encourages all NRC employees and contractors to raise concerns and differing views promptly, without fear of reprisal. The free and open exchange of views or ideas conducted in a non-threatening environment provides the ideal forum where concerns and alternative views can be considered and addressed in an efficient and timely manner that improves decisionmaking and supports the agency's safety and security mission.

Please click on the [link](#) to view a video message from me that emphasizes the importance of the agency's policy on differing views.

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