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NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss New Potential Regulations for Power Reactor Decommissioning

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting May 8-10 at the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md., to discuss the draft regulatory basis and preliminary draft regulatory analysis for a future regulation on decommissioning commercial nuclear power plants.

The draft regulatory basis for the rulemaking was [published March 15](#) for public comment. It describes several decommissioning issues to be addressed in the new regulation, as well as possible resolutions. The preliminary draft regulatory analysis, which describes the costs and benefits of all approaches to resolving the issues, will be published prior to the public meeting.

During the meeting, NRC staff members will present both documents, with extended discussions of various subjects to be addressed in the rulemaking. Members of the public will be encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback, although the staff will not be taking formal public comment on either document at the meeting.

On May 8, NRC staff will discuss the current regulatory approach to decommissioning, the backfit analysis of the proposed rulemaking, drug and alcohol testing, and fatigue management. On May 9, the meeting will address emergency preparedness, aging management, cyber security and physical security. The May 10 agenda includes decommissioning trust funds, onsite and offsite insurance indemnity agreements, and certified fuel handler training and minimum staffing. The last day also includes discussion of the preliminary draft regulatory analysis. The sessions are scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. until at least 5 p.m. each day.

Those unable to attend in person may participate by telephone bridgeline and webcast. Details on these arrangements and other meeting details, including rooms and agenda for the various sessions, are available on the NRC website's [Public Meetings page](#). Individuals planning on participating in the meeting, either in person or on the bridgeline, should notify the NRC contacts listed on the meeting notice.