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## **NRC to Host Annual Regulatory Information Conference with Focus on Transformation and Innovation**

Several thousand people are expected to attend the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's largest public technical meeting – the 31st Annual Regulatory Information Conference to be held March 12-14 in North Bethesda, Md.

The conference, which will be jointly hosted by NRC offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research, will focus primarily on innovation and transformation. Attendees will notice changes to the standard conference format, including the introduction of a mobile application for live polling and real-time feedback. The app for RIC 2019 also will allow participants to create a customized agenda, as well as view and download conference materials.

NRC Chairman Kristine L. Svinicki and Executive Director for Operations Margaret M. Doane will open the conference with an “armchair conversation” moderated by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Director Ho K. Nieh, Jr., and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Director Ray Furstenau. The conversation will focus on key topics facing the agency.

This year's keynote speaker will be inventor and visionary Nathan Myhrvold, founder and chief executive officer of Intellectual Ventures, who is experienced in innovative and transformative technologies. Myhrvold will compare his experiences to NRC's innovation and transformation initiatives as the agency adapts to the evolving nuclear industry and the future regulatory environment.

Attendees will hear from NRC Commissioners Jeff Baran, Stephen G. Burns, Annie Caputo and David Wright, who each will provide plenary remarks. Separately, Svinicki, Baran, Wright and Caputo will chair individual technical sessions, a change to the previous panel format.

The conference will bring together representatives from more than 30 countries, nuclear power plant owners and operators, nuclear materials users, other interested stakeholders and Congressional staffers.

The [full conference program](#) is available on the [NRC's website](#), including registration hours, badge protocol, parking and security. Information on how to obtain the app will also be available on the website. The event is free and open to the public.

The conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda.