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NRC Announces Locations for Public Meetings on Community Advisory Boards Associated with Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the general locations for public meetings to be held this summer and fall to receive public input regarding best practices for community advisory boards associated with decommissioning nuclear power plants. Additional details about each meeting, including dates and specific locations, will be announced at a later time.

The Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act, signed into law in January, included, among other things, a requirement that the NRC submit a report to Congress on best practices for community advisory boards associated with nuclear power plants. The act requires the NRC to hold a minimum of 10 public meetings in locations that ensure geographic diversity across the United States, with priority given to states that request a public meeting and have a nuclear power reactor currently decommissioning. The NRC staff sought public comment in March on where to hold these meetings.

The meetings will be held near the following 11 nuclear power plants, listed alphabetically; Crystal River (Florida), Diablo Canyon (California), Humboldt Bay (California), Indian Point (New York), Kewaunee (Wisconsin), Oyster Creek (New Jersey), Palisades (Michigan), Pilgrim (Massachusetts), San Onofre (California), Vermont Yankee (Vermont) and Zion (Illinois). The staff will also conduct a webinar for people in other parts of the country to provide comments. The meetings will be held from August through October.

The results of these meetings, along with data received as a result of the NRC's other information collection activities, will be summarized in a best practices report to be submitted to Congress by July 14, 2020. The contents of this report will include:

- A description of topics that could be brought before a community advisory board;
- How a board's input might inform the decision-making process of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities;
- How a board might interact with the NRC and other federal agencies to promote dialogue between the licensee and affected stakeholders;
- How a board might offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of decommissioning;

- A discussion of the composition of community advisory boards; and
- Best practices relating to the establishment and operation of such boards, including logistical considerations, frequency of meetings, the process for the selection of board members, etc.

More information about the meetings, including dates and venues, will be posted on the NRC's [website](#) and published in the *Federal Register*.