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## NRC Opens Online Registration for Virtual 2021 Regulatory Information Conference

[Online registration](#) is now open for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 33rd annual Regulatory Information Conference, to be held March 8-11. The four-day event, NRC's first all virtual RIC, will make the conference program available to a wider audience through an innovative, interactive virtual platform.

The NRC offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research will jointly host the annual RIC, which is free and open to the public. Registration is required to attend. The full conference program and registration information are available on the [RIC Website](#). Follow the NRC on [Twitter](#) and look for #NRCRIC2021Virtual.

The 2021 conference theme is "The Power of Possibility," which exemplifies the agency's current transformation journey to becoming a more modern, risk-informed regulator. This year's program consists of keynote remarks from NRC Chairman Christopher Hanson, and remarks by NRC Commissioners Jeff Baran, Annie Caputo, David Wright, and Executive Director for Operations Margaret Doane. Commissioners will also chair individual technical sessions throughout the four-day event.

The program will feature two special plenary sessions, including one in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Fukushima, during which panelists will reflect on the lessons learned from the accident and its legacy on nuclear power plant safety. The other session will highlight some of the agency's initiatives and activities energizing its workforce. Panelists will discuss the steps taken to attract, retain, and develop a skilled and inclusive workforce that can adapt to a rapidly changing work environment.

The conference's 28 technical sessions will cover a broad range of topics, including: advanced reactors, accident tolerant fuel, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, microreactors, and risk-informed decision making. The conference will also feature a simulcast session, jointly hosted with presenters from the Waste Management Symposia. Attendees will be able to browse 15 different digital exhibits, exhibitor information and virtual resources.

New to this year's conference are morning broadcasts that will preview the day's agenda and end-of-day special topic discussions with key presenters and staff interviews.

This conference is expected to have virtual participants representing more than 30 countries as well as stakeholders including nuclear power plant owners and operators, nuclear materials users, Congressional staffers and members of the public.