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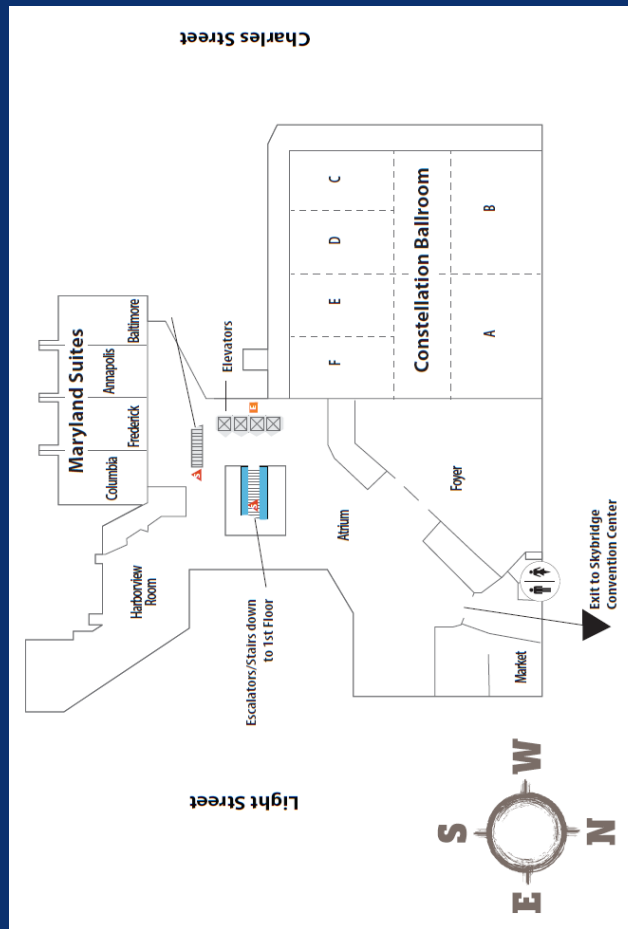


Aida Rivera-Varona

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Ms. Aida Rivera-Varona completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, in 2002, and started her career with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a Quality Assurance Engineer and Vendor Inspector. Since then, she has been taking on progressively more difficult and demanding responsibilities. Along with pursuing her passion for engineering, she also has been inspired to become a future focused, thought-provoking leader that encourages innovative approaches to problem solving. She has been demonstrating her leadership abilities for the last 10 years by taking on management roles in the agency and directly supporting the agency's important mission. Some of her major achievements are her involvement in addressing potential impact from flooding events to U.S. commercial nuclear power plants following the Fukushima earthquake and tsunami accident and leading staff through the oversight of new power reactor construction sites. In 2020, Aida worked with executives and staff in general to unlock new opportunities, to rethink how the agency accomplishes its mission and deliver new efficiencies in a world of unprecedented disruption and extreme uncertainties. Most recently, Aida had been leading the oversight programs for Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, and Fuel Cycle Facilities, and now she is the Deputy Director of the Division of Operating Reactor Licensing in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.



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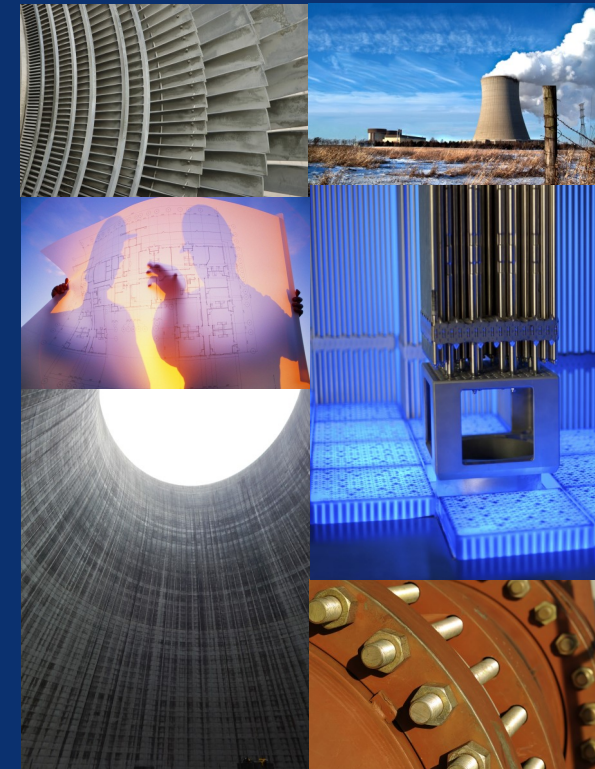
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9th NRC Workshop on Vendor Oversight



Thursday, June 13, 2024
Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor
Baltimore, MD

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation



On behalf of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, I would like to welcome you to the NRC's 9th Workshop on Vendor Oversight. Your active participation is crucial to ensuring its success.

This is the first in person workshop since 2018. The NRC staff is excited to provide this opportunity to discuss vendor oversight with our stakeholders, in person. This workshop creates a forum for open dialogue and to hear perspectives from various stakeholders across the nuclear industry. Participants represent an array of organizations, including the NRC, regulated utilities, vendors of nuclear components, construction contractors, and other interested parties. We plan to discuss current vendor oversight issues, lessons learned from relevant operating experience, and the status of efforts to develop regulatory guidance. We also hope to enhance awareness and understanding of our regulatory process and oversight activities.

The workshop also provides a great opportunity to ask questions and to bring any issues you may have to our attention. Please feel free to engage members of my staff, especially from the NRC's vendor inspection program, to receive answers to your questions or discuss any concerns.

We all play an essential role in helping to ensure the public health and safety. Your presence here today is a testament to your commitment to this goal. We value your participation and contribution and look forward to an open exchange of ideas and information on issues important to the supply of components and services for the nuclear industry.

Thank you for joining us today and taking part in this constructive public forum!

Ms. Andrea Veil, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Schedule of Events

7:00 - 8:00 Registration - Foyer

Morning Session - Constellation A/B

8:00 - 8:15 Welcome & Introduction

Russell Felts, Director
Division of Reactor Oversight

8:15 - 8:45 Keynote Address

Aida Rivera-Varona, Deputy Director
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing

8:45 - 9:30 "Back to Basics - App. B, CGD, and Bringing into App. B"

Marc Tannenbaum
Senior Technical Executive
Electric Power Research Institute

9:30 - 9:45 Break

9:45 - 11:15 "NRC Safety Culture & Safety Conscious Work Environment Guidelines for Vendors"

Panelists:

Carleen Parker
Allegation Coordinator
Office of Enforcement

Odunayo Ayegbusi
Reactor Operations Engineer
Quality Assurance and Vendor Inspection Branch

George Khoury
Construction Project Manager
Region II

11:15 - 11:30 Morning Wrap-up

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch

Track Breakout Sessions:

1:00 - 2:20 First Session - Tracks A & B

2:20 - 2:30 Break

2:30 - 3:50 Second Session - Tracks A & B

3:50 - 4:00 Break

Closing Session - Constellation A/B

4:00 - 4:30 Summary & Ask the NRC

Kerri Kavanagh, Chief
Quality Assurance & Vendor Inspection Branch

Track A - Constellation C/D

Navigating Part 21

Discussion from different industry perspectives on meeting the Part 21 evaluation and reporting requirements for defects and noncompliances.

Panelists:

Aaron Armstrong
Reactor Operations Engineer
Quality Assurance & Vendor Inspection Branch

Earl Mayhorn
Principal Engineer
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1:00 - 2:20

2:30 - 3:50

Jeffrey Kaar
Supervisor, Supplier Quality
Pacific Gas & Electric

Dan Roberts
Quality Manager
Engine Systems, Inc.

Dong Park
Reactor Operations Engineer
Quality Assurance & Vendor Inspection Branch

Track B - Constellation E/F

ASME - Oversight & Conformity Assessment

Relationship of the U.S. NRC with ASME, the National Board, and Authorized Inspection Agencies for construction of ASME B&PV Code Section III Components.

Panelists:

Yamir Diaz-Castillo
Reactor Operations Engineer
Quality Assurance & Vendor Inspection Branch

1:00 - 2:20

Michael Lockwood
Vice President, Nuclear Code Services
Hartford Steam Boiler

2:30 - 3:50

Gary Scribner
Assistant Executive Director
The National Board of Boiler & Pressure Vessel Inspectors

Edgar Whittle
Director, Codes and Standards
Bureau Veritas Inspection & Insurance Company