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NRC STAFF SCHEDULES TWO-DAY CONFERENCE  
TO DISCUSS REGULATORY ISSUES WITH NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled its seventh annual conference for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9-10, with the nuclear industry, including utilities licensed to operate or build nuclear power plants in the U.S., to discuss safety and regulatory issues. The theme of the conference will be enhancing and developing a better understanding of future trends for improved nuclear safety.

The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. It will be open to the public but requires advance registration.

William T. Russell, NRC's Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, will open the conference on Tuesday. Chairman Ivan Selin will be the featured morning speaker, Commissioner Kenneth Rogers will speak after the luncheon, and Commissioner E. Gail de Planque will be the dinner speaker that evening. Wednesday's post-luncheon speaker will be James M. Taylor, NRC's Executive Director for Operations.

The first day of the conference will begin with a general plenary session on regulatory trends from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Specific breakout sessions, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., will address on-line maintenance, steam generator issues, probabilistic risk assessment, and license renewal and related environmental protection updates.

The afternoon plenary session, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will feature a Regional Administrator Panel dealing with inspection planning and oversight, cost reduction and safety, inspector professionalism and the systematic assessment of licensee performance process. Breakout sessions from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. will discuss outage planning and shutdown risk, advanced reactors, regulatory process improvements, and boiling water reactor internals cracking.

A full day of breakout sessions will take place on Wednesday, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., with each of the four Regional Administrators discussing NRC/licensee communications.

The next session, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., will focus on reactor vessel material issues, spent fuel and dry cask storage, including the Palisades/Davis Besse experiences, source term issues, and security.

Afternoon sessions, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will deal with the integrated performance assessment process, self assessment, standard technical specifications, enforcement discretion and allegations. The closing plenary session will be held from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For information on registration for the conference, interested persons should contact ES, Inc., by telephone on 202-835-1585 or by facsimile on 202-835-0118.

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