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FROM: John Flack, Acting Chief **/RA/**  
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Experts' Meeting on High-Burnup Fuel Behavior Under Postulated Accident Conditions

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting to complete the Phenomena Identification and Ranking Tables (PIRTs) for three accidents. PIRTs have been used at NRC since 1988, and they provide a structured way to obtain a technical understanding that is needed to address certain issues. About twenty of the world's best technical experts are participating in this activity, and the experts represent a balance between industry, universities, foreign researchers, and regulatory organizations. The current PIRT activity is addressing high-burnup fuel behavior for a PWR control rod ejection accident, a BWR failure to scram accident with power oscillations, and a loss of coolant accident for a BWR and a PWR.

**DATE:** October 26-27, 2000, 8:30 am-5:30 pm.

**ADDRESS:** Room T10A1 (TWFN) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting agenda will be posted on the NRC Web site at [www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.htm](http://www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.htm) by October 17, 2000. The meeting is open to the public. Attendees will need to obtain a visitor badge at the TWFN building lobby.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ralph Meyer, SMSAB, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6789.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of September 2000.

**FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**/RA/ Original signed by:**

John H. Flack, Acting Director  
Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness  
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