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NRC to Hold Its Annual Regulatory Information Conference; Focus on Becoming a Modern, Risk-Informed Regulator

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold its largest technical meeting – the 32nd annual Regulatory Information Conference, March 10-12, in North Bethesda, Md.

The conference theme, “The Future is Now,” will highlight the agency’s focus on becoming a modern, risk-informed regulator. The conference will build on previous changes to the standard format, allowing for additional audience interaction. For a second year, attendees will be able to access a mobile application for live polling and real-time feedback. Live streaming will include all plenary sessions and several of the conference’s technical sessions.

NRC Chairman Kristine L. Svinicki will lead a conversation on transformation, with special guest Geoff Ralston, President of Y Combinator, which offers a successful model for funding and advising early start-up companies. A long-time innovator, Ralston built one of the first web mail services, RocketMail, later Yahoo Mail, and was the CEO of a company later acquired by Apple.

Attendees will hear from NRC Commissioners Jeff Baran and Annie Caputo, who will deliver plenary remarks. Separately, Chairman Svinicki and Commissioners Baran, Caputo and David Wright will chair the following technical sessions:

- Chairman Svinicki: Moving at the Pace of Change – How Do Regulatory Bodies Identify, Confront and Surmount the Challenges of Regulating a Technically Evolving and Dynamic Sector? A Fireside Chat Amongst International Peers
- Commissioner Baran: Application of Artificial Intelligence and Analytics to Nuclear Industry Activities
- Commissioner Caputo: Backfitting and Forward Fitting
- Commissioner Wright: The Evolution of the U.S. Electric Grid: Implications for Nuclear Technology

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Director Ho K. Nieh, Jr., and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Director Ray Furstenau will open the program with welcome remarks and introductions.

Executive Director for Operations Margaret M. Doane will host a fireside chat on Transformation – Building our Future in Changing Times, with Anderson University President [John Pistole](#), former head of the Transportation Security Administration and FBI Deputy Director.

The conference brings together representatives from foreign countries, nuclear power plant owners and operators, nuclear materials users and other interested stakeholders, to include Congressional staffers.

The [full conference program](#) is available on the NRC's [website](#), including registration hours, badging protocol, parking, and security. Information on how to obtain the app is also [available](#). The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

The conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda.