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NRC to Hold Public Meetings on Proposed Regulations for Nuclear Power Plants Transitioning to Decommissioning

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold in-person public meetings in Chicago, Atlanta and Plymouth, Massachusetts, this month to present its proposed regulations for nuclear power plants transitioning from operating status to decommissioning.

The proposed rule was published March 3, and public comments are being accepted through May 17. While NRC staff will not be taking formal comments at the public meetings, they will present the proposed amendments to NRC regulations and point out specific areas of interest the public could consider addressing in comments on the proposed rule.

Current NRC regulations establish safety requirements for the commercial operation of nuclear power plants. These regulations do not have separate requirements appropriate for the significantly lower safety hazards associated with a permanently shut down and defueled reactor undergoing decommissioning. The proposed rule would implement specific regulatory requirements for different phases of the decommissioning process, consistent with the reduced risk and based on lessons learned from plants that have recently transitioned to decommissioning.

The meetings will be held April 12 in [Chicago](#), April 19 in [Atlanta](#), and April 21 in [Plymouth](#). Each meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. local time and will include an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. Those unable to attend in person may participate over Microsoft Teams. Venue details for the meetings and virtual participation are in the public meeting notices at the above links. The proposed rule and related information is available on the [NRC website](#).