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NRC TO HOLD 17TH ANNUAL REGULATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE MARCH 8 - 10 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold its 17th annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) from Tuesday, March 8, to Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road in Rockville, Md. There is no conference fee and the sessions will be open to the public.

The conference brings together NRC managers, regulated utilities and other interested stakeholders to meet and discuss nuclear safety initiatives and regulatory trends. The RIC 2005 program includes presentations by the NRC's Chairman, Commissioners and Executive Director for Operations as well as breakout sessions on technical and regulatory topics.

The agency is merging the RIC with the annual Nuclear Safety Research Conference, previously run by the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. In 2005, three sessions typically discussed at the research conference will be integrated into the RIC program.

A preliminary conference agenda is available on the NRC's Web site at this address: http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/. Hotel reservations should be made through the Marriott at 1-800-228-9290. Please mention "REG INFO CONF March 8, 9, and 10, 2005" when making your reservation. Interested parties may register on the Internet at: http://www.itgmanaged.com/nrc/registration.aspx or by contacting Innovative Technology Group, Inc., 850 Sligo Avenue, Suite 501, Silver Spring, Md. 20910; telephone: 301-495-9471 or fax: 301-495-4946.

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