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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC CONFERENCE ON LICENSING PROCESS FOR STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Spent Fuel Project Office will hold a public conference Feb. 8 at the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md., to discuss the licensing process for spent fuel storage facilities and the packaging and transportation of radioactive material.

The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The conference is open to the public and there is no registration fee. However, those wishing to attend are urged to register in advance and to arrive early to facilitate processing through security.

"This conference is part of the NRC's efforts to inform and learn from our stakeholders and the public in order to continue improving our licensing and certification programs," said E. William Brach, director of the Spent Fuel Project Office.

Conference sessions will cover NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 71, on packaging and transportation of radioactive material, and Part 72, licensing requirements for independent spent fuel storage facilities (ISFSIs). Topics include lessons learned from previous licensing reviews, the "rules of engagement" for review of transportation and storage applications, and ways to improve the licensing process in the future.

Persons wishing to register for the conference may do so on the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/sfpo/ . Additional information about the conference is available at that Web address.

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