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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS ON MAY 19th IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a follow-up public meeting May 19th, in Rockville, Md., to discuss enhancements to the agency's emergency preparedness guidance and regulations for nuclear power plants in a post-9/11 threat environment. The May meeting builds on a two-day meeting held on August 31st and September 1, 2005, during which senior management from the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response participated in roundtable discussions with local, state and tribal representatives, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), advocacy groups and nuclear industry staff.

In an attempt to further understand the perspective of the non-governmental organizations, the May meeting will seek additional comments on how the NRC can both enhance emergency preparedness and ensure openness in the regulatory process.

Among the topics to be covered are security-based emergency action levels, security-based drills and exercises, offsite protective actions and alternate ways to alert the public.

The meeting will take place on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Ramada Inn-Rockville at 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. A meeting notice and complete agenda is available on the NRC's Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm . For additional information on the meeting, contact Lisa Gibney at 301-415-8376 or send an e-mail to lag1@nrc.gov .

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