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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING NOV. 9 ON RULEMAKING CONCERNING NEW AUTHORITY OVER RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a roundtable discussion open to the public Nov. 9 at agency headquarters in Rockville, Md., to seek input on a new rulemaking to extend NRC's regulatory authority over accelerator-produced radioactive material and certain discrete sources of naturally occurring radioactive material.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave the NRC regulatory authority over additional radioactive materials, including accelerator-produced radioactive material and any discrete source of radium-226 that is produced, extracted or converted after extraction for use in commercial, medical or research activities. NRC authority also can be extended over naturally occurring radioactive material that the Commission, in consultation with other federal agencies, determines is a threat to public health and safety or the common defense and security.

The meeting will be held in room T2B3 of Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discussion will be held in a roundtable format to solicit input from stakeholders for a proposed rule. Participants at the roundtable will be invited representatives of the broad spectrum of interests potentially affected by this rulemaking, such as state regulatory agencies and members of the nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceutical industries. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Teleconferencing will be available.

Those planning to attend the meeting are encouraged to pre-register by notifying Jayne M. McCausland, at (301) 415-6219 or by e-mail at jmm2@nrc.gov. Teleconference information will be available through Ms. McCausland.

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