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Registration Opens for NRC's 2014 Regulatory Information Conference

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold its 26th annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) March 11-13 at the Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Md. The conference is jointly hosted by the NRC's offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research. More than 3,000 people are expected to attend, including industry executives, representatives from state governments, non-governmental organizations, individual community members, and representatives from more than 30 foreign countries.

The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Conference [agenda](#) and online [registration](#) are now available on the NRC website. The deadline for online registration is Feb. 25.

"Our Regulatory Information Conference provides a valuable forum for exchanging information and ideas with our licensees, the public, international counterparts, non-governmental groups and others," NRC Chairman Allison Macfarlane said. "With our shared focus on the safety and security of radioactive materials, we all benefit from this conference."

The program features Chairman Macfarlane as the keynote speaker. Additional program highlights include plenary sessions with Commissioners Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood IV and William C. Ostendorff. The RIC plenary sessions will also include remarks by Mark Satorius, NRC's executive director for operations. Eric J. Leeds, director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, will moderate a special plenary session with NRC senior managers and industry officials.

This year's RIC includes sessions on reactor operations, spent fuel storage, risk-informing regulations, computer modeling, facility security and many other topics.

Early registration is encouraged; however, onsite registration will also be available during the conference.