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NRC Meeting in Rockville, Md., To Discuss Post-Fukushima Screening of “Other External Hazards” at U.S. Nuclear Power Plants

NRC staff will meet with the public April 5 to discuss the results of the staff’s [preliminary screening](#) of natural events other than earthquakes and flooding. This screening is part of the agency’s efforts to learn from the issues raised by the Fukushima nuclear accident in 2011.

The [meeting](#) will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room T2B3 of the NRC’s White Flint complex at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Md. NRC staff will describe the process used to screen natural events other than seismic and flooding events. The results of that screening will identify which hazards (e.g., extreme drought, heavy snow loads, tornadoes and hurricanes) should be evaluated further to determine if additional regulatory action is needed. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding the staff’s work.

The final results of the staff’s screening will be provided to the NRC Commission by the end of May, and the staff’s final assessment (including a determination of whether additional regulatory action is needed) will be provided by the end of the year.

The meeting will include a teleconference and webinar. For the call-in number, webinar details or more information on the issues to be discussed, please contact Joseph Sebrosky at 301-415-1132, or via e-mail at joseph.sebrosky@nrc.gov.

Comments on the assessment can also be e-mailed to JLD_Public.Resource@nrc.gov by April 12; the staff will consider, to the extent possible, comments received after that date.