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NRC SETS PUBLIC MEETING ON STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE

The NRC has scheduled the first of three public meetings for October 24-25 in Washington, D.C. to receive comments on its direction-setting issue papers resulting from the agency's strategic assessment process. Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson initiated the strategic assessment in September of last year to provide a comprehensive, critical evaluation of the agency's direction and decision-making for the rest of this decade and into the next.

The first meeting will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on October 24 and from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on October 25. The two subsequent meetings will be held later in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Chicago, Illinois. The meetings will be open to the public, but advance registration is suggested. A registration form is attached.

The first day, from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., will feature a plenary session entitled, "Building Public Trust and Confidence," and will include discussion of the issue papers on public communications initiatives, the role of industry, and enhancing regulatory excellence.

The afternoon breakout sessions, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., will cover issue papers on NRC's research program and international activities. Also during this time, the session "Assuring the Safe Use and Handling of Nuclear Materials," will be discussed, including issue papers on safety oversight of Department of Energy facilities, NRC's relationship with the Agreement States, and materials and medical oversight.

The following day, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., the session will feature, "Assuring Safe Operation of Nuclear Reactors," which will focus on issue papers covering reactor licensing for future applicants, operating reactor program oversight, power reactor decommissioning, and risk-informed, performance-based regulation.

From 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., the session, "Assuring Safe Management of Nuclear Waste", will focus on low-level waste, high-level waste and spent fuel, and decommissioning of non-reactor facilities.

Copies of a more detailed agenda, direction-setting issue papers, a registration form, and other background documents are available electronically on NRC's Home Page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov> and FedWorld at 1-800-303-9672. Paper copies are available by calling NRC's Public Document Room at 1-800-952-9674. Individuals desiring additional information about the meetings should contact Anna May Haycraft, 301-415-3075, internet: AMH@NRC.GOV

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Attachment

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT REBASELINING
STAKEHOLDERS PUBLIC MEETINGS

September 20, 1996

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Registration Form

Location of Meeting: Oct. 24-25 _____ Oct. 31-Nov. 1 _____ Nov. 7-8 _____
Chicago Washington, DC Colorado Springs, _____

(Indicate which meeting(s) you will be attending so name badges can be made)

Please list the Strategic Arena(s) you plan to attend _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _____
(Last (First) (M.I.)

Affiliation _____

Title _____

Business Phone: () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____

Fax _____ Internet _____

Physically Challenged Requirements _____

Sleeping Room Reservations:

Sleeping room reservations should be made directly by telephone using a major credit card to the appropriate hotel(s)

REGISTRATION:

Please complete and mail, fax, or Internet this registration form as soon as possible to:

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Please indicate below if you would like to speak or comment on a specific issue paper at a breakout session, and note that you will be limited to 5 minutes.

A video camera and several computers will also be available in a separate meeting room to record your comments if there is not adequate time at the breakout session.