

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: 2025 NRC Standards Forum: Part II - Codes and Standards for Nuclear Energy Applications

Date(s) and Time(s): January 28, 2026, 09:00 AM to 04:30 PM ET

Location: Webinar

Category: This is a Open meeting. Public participation is actively sought for this meeting to fully engage the public in a discussion of regulatory issues.

Purpose: This is the second of two meetings for the 2025 NRC Standards Forum. This meeting will discuss codes and standards (C&S) activities in detail, following stakeholder perspectives in the first meeting. The Forum aims at facilitating strategic discussions on C&S needs and priorities, accelerating C&S development, and NRC endorsement efficiencies. The Forum is an interactive meeting that engages a variety of stakeholders, such as standards development organizations (e.g. ACI, AISC, ANS, ASCE, ASME, IEEE, etc.), industry representatives, international regulators, research organizations, academia, the general public, and NRC staff.

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Comments: The Forum's dates and times may be updated later. This meeting will be hosted as a virtual meeting, online via Microsoft Teams. Stakeholders who wish to attend should register via the Webinar link above.

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Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00– 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks, Welcome, Logistics	Commissioner M. Marzano (NRC)
9:15– 9:45 AM	Session 1: Codes & Standards Endorsement Efficiencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on C&S Activities ● Enhancing NRC Endorsement Efficiency of C&S 	C. Araguas (NRC)
9:45– 10:00 AM	Break	
	Session 2: Commercial Standards: Needs and Priorities (workshop format) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commercial C&S for Structural Design ● Applying Commercial Codes to Safety Significant Nuclear Applications ● NRC Perspective on Use of Commercial Standards for Advanced Reactors ● Incorporating Commercial Practice and Standards for Design and Construction of Nuclear Civil Structures ● IAEA NHSI Industry Track Topical Group 2 – Common Practices on Codes and Standards 	Moderator: Douglas Bollock (NRC) John Richards (EPRI) Sanjeev Malushte & Amit Varna (Purdue) Greg Oberson (NRC) Brian McDonald (Exponent) & Andrew Whittaker (University at Buffalo) Christina Fischer (IAEA)
10:00– 11:30 AM		
11:30 AM– 12:45 PM	Lunch	
	Session 3: Innovative Approaches to QA (workshop format) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 21st Century Nuclear Industry Needs a 21st Century Quality Approach ● Optimizing the QA/QC Requirements for Concrete and Rebar in Safety Related Concrete Construction ● Optimization and Modernization of QA Requirements for Steel and Composite Construction for Nuclear Applications ● ASME QA Advancements (tentative title) ● NRC QA Update 	Moderator: Raj Iyengar (NRC) Mark Richter (NEI) Javeed Munshi (Bechtel) Amit Varna and Sanjeev Malushte (Purdue) Rachel L Czuba (ASME) Yamir Diaz-Castillo (NRC)
12:45– 2:15 PM		
2:15– 2:30 PM	Break	
	Session 4: Risk-Informed C&S Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PSD-1: A RI-PB Design Standard ● Development and Modernization of Liquid Metal Fire Protection Standard (ANSI/ANS-54.8) ● A Few Perspectives on Risk-Informing Standards 	Moderator: Candace de Messieres (NRC) Ralph Hill (AMSE) Sari Alkhatib (ANL) Sunil Weerakkody (NRC)
2:30– 3:30 PM		
3:30– 3:45 PM	Open Discussion (Action Items, Next Steps)	All
3:45– 4:00 PM	Closing remarks	C. Araguas

*Agenda will be updated with times and additional details (as needed) at least one week prior to the public meeting.

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