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MEMORANDUM TO: Michael F. King
Executive Director for Operations

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and Financial Support
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 12, 2026, PUBLIC MEETING ON
EXECUTIVE ORDER 14300 RULEMAKING OVERVIEW

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff from the Office of the Executive Director for Operations (OEDO), Office of General Counsel (OGC) and Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) held a public meeting on March 12, 2026, to provide an overview of how the NRC is implementing Executive Order (EO) 14300, "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission," section 5 through a discussion of the agency's approach, a high-level overview of the rulemakings the NRC is conducting, and an overview of NRC's compliance with EO 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review" process. The meeting notice and agenda are located at Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML26063A886. The slides for the staff presentation are available at ADAMS Accession No. ML26078A227.

The NRC staff provided an overview of EO 14300, Section 5 in three segments. OEDO discussed the new NRC Mission Statement and underscored the agency's commitment to safety and security while implementing executive direction to efficiently license and reduce regulatory burden for NRC and Agreement State licensees. The presentation highlighted NRC's internal and external coordination to comprehensively meet EO 14300's objectives under the envisioned timeline for implementation. Next, NMSS gave an overview of the 16 proposed rules and five direct final rules under development, which included key changes and anticipated publication dates for public comment, followed by a presentation from OGC on EO 12866, which described how the NRC is complying with direction to participate in interagency executive branch review of significant regulatory actions. The informational segment of the public meeting concluded with a demonstration of a new public webpage for Whole Revision of Regulations Under Executive Order 14300 (<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/governing-laws/advance-act/wholesale-revision-regs>). The NRC will use this webpage to share current information about the status of EO 14300 rulemaking efforts and related information with external stakeholders.

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Following the NRC staff presentation, the meeting was opened to public discussion. Over 1,000 participants joined the public meeting virtually, and approximately 50 individuals participated in person in the Commission Hearing Room. Participants included, but were not limited to, federal interagency partners, Congressional staff, Agreement State authorities, nuclear industry, non-governmental organization representing both public and industry, legal firms, academia, and private citizens.

Highlights from the meeting include:

- Participants expressed gratitude for holding this public meeting and support for additional public meetings as the rules are published. Several participants inquired about the timing of public meetings and encouraged NRC to schedule them early in the public comment periods to support thoughtful public comment generation.
- Several questions sought clarification on specific proposed rulemakings, the availability of revised guidance in support of proposed rules, interagency coordination in development of these rules, and external stakeholder engagement to rules under the EO 14300 purview. NRC directed participants to access the public website and rule packages as they are published for public comments to obtain specific information that would best answer their questions.
- Participants asked questions or offered comments related to the independence of the NRC in conducting rulemaking activities under EO 14300. The NRC reiterated its authority and process for conducting rulemaking activities as described in the presentation materials and encourage the public to participate during the public comment period when the rules are noticed in the Federal Register.

The NRC staff will make the presentation materials and meeting summary available on the Public Meeting Schedule website and will continue to update the webpage for Whole Revision of Regulations Under Executive Order 14300 as new information becomes available.

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