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NRC SCHEDULES WORKSHOP ON FUEL FACILITY OVERSIGHT

The NRC has scheduled a workshop on February 8 in Rockville, Maryland, to obtain suggestions from the public on improving the agency's oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities.

This workshop is one of several to be held to factor public and other stakeholder comments into a revised fuel facility oversight program. These facilities process and fabricate uranium ore into nuclear reactor fuel.

This meeting will focus on the work plan and the schedule of activities and milestones to revise the oversight program. A draft project work plan has been posted on the NRC website at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>.

The goals of the oversight program are to:

- Focus attention on activities where potential risks are greatest,
- Obtain more objective indicators of risk-related performance,
- Increase public confidence in the NRC's oversight program, and
- Increase regulatory effectiveness, efficiency, and realism.

This initiative will employ lessons learned from the recently revised commercial nuclear reactor oversight program.

The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Room O-16B4 of the agency's headquarters at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike. Visitor parking is limited; however, the building can be easily reached via the Red Line Metro to the White Flint station.

Those who seek background information on this initiative may obtain transcripts and presentations from past meetings at www.nrc.gov/NMSS/FCSS/FCOB/INSP/REVISED/fcindex.htm on NRC's website.

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