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NRC MAKES AVAILABLE REPORT ON DIRECTION OF NUCLEAR REGULATORY RESEARCH

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has made available on its web site the findings and recommendations of an expert panel report on the role and direction of NRC nuclear research.

The report, which can be found at <http://www.nrc.gov/RES/nrc.html>, will be discussed at a Commission meeting on May 10 in Rockville, Maryland. The 17-member panel of experts, chaired by former NRC Commissioner Kenneth Rogers, is made up of congressional, industry, academic, government, international and public interest group representatives. The panel held a series of public meetings in developing the report.

Some of the highlights of the report include recommendations to maintain the necessary infrastructure for the agency's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES). This would require the establishment of minimum core capabilities and required resources. Other recommendations call for increasing the office's cooperative research efforts with the Department of Energy, the nuclear industry, the Electric Power Research Institute and international organizations.

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