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## **NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON POSSIBLE NEW REACTOR APPLICATIONS**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will convene a public workshop on July 25 and 26 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss possible future license applications for commercial nuclear power plants and solicit public feedback on issues and concerns.

The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held in the NRC's auditorium at the agency's Two White Flint North building, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Sessions are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 25, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 26.

The purpose of the workshop is to inform the public of current and proposed activities by the NRC staff to prepare for possible future license applications, discuss opportunities available for public participation during these licensing activities, and obtain public feedback on identified licensing issues. Topics to be discussed include certification of nuclear power plant designs; the combined license application process which authorizes construction of a nuclear plant and specifies inspections, tests and analyses that a licensee must perform before it can operate; construction inspection; reactivation of construction permits for unfinished nuclear power plants; pre-application reviews which encourage early interaction between applicants and vendors and the NRC; agency rulemaking activities; and NRC activities, organizational development and staffing.

The workshop will have two open sessions to allow participants to discuss licensing issues of concern not specifically addressed by agenda items. The first of these sessions will be held on the evening of July 25, to allow participation by individuals who cannot attend during the work day and will include a brief presentation by the NRC staff summarizing all of the day's agenda items. A second open session will begin shortly before noon on July 26.

Those seeking additional information or wishing to pre-register for the workshop should contact Eric Benner, at 1-800-368-5642, ext. 1171, or by e-mail at [ejb@nrc.gov](mailto:ejb@nrc.gov) by July 20.

A preliminary agenda is attached. A final agenda will be available on a special web site to provide information to the public on activities in preparation for possible new nuclear power plants. Background information, news releases, public meeting notices and summaries, reference documents and inspection reports regarding possible future reactor license applications have been posted at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/FLO/index.htm> on the agency's web site. Other pertinent documents will be added as they are completed and become available to the public.

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## Future Licensing Workshop Schedule

**Wednesday, July 25, 2001**

- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Statement of workshop protocol (F. Cameron)
- 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Introduction, including a discussion of purpose for the workshop, background information, and workshop organization (M. Gamberoni)
- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Keynote speaker  
William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Introduction of agenda topics (M. Gamberoni)
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. 10 CFR Part 52 overview and combined licenses (J. Wilson)
- 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Early site permits (T. Kenyon)
- 12:15- 1:00 p.m. Design Certification (J. Wilson)
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Construction inspection and reactivation of construction permits (J. Sebrosky)
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Rulemakings (E. Benner)
  - Update to 10 CFR Part 52
  - Alternative Site Reviews
  - 10 CFR Part 51, Tables S3 and S4
- 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner Break
- Evening Session
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Summarization of agenda topics (M. Gamberoni)
- 6:00 - 6:15 p.m. Presentation of current mechanisms for public participation (M. Landau)
- 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Open Discussion (All)

**Thursday, July 26, 2001**

- 9:00 - 9:10 a.m. Introduction (M. Gamberoni)
- 9:10 -9:30 a.m. Readiness Assessment, Organizational Development, and Staffing (N. Gilles)
- 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Pre-application reviews (D. Jackson)
- Westinghouse AP1000
  - Exelon Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR)
  - Westinghouse International Reactor Innovative and Secure (IRIS)
  - General Atomics Gas Turbine-Modular Helium Reactor (GT-MHR)
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Nuclear Waste and Transportation Issues (TBD)
- 11:30 - 11:45 a.m. Break
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Open Discussion (All)
- 12:45. - 1:00 p.m. Statement of appreciation and follow up activities (TBD)
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

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