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NRC ENCOURAGES THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND A MEETING ON THE USE OF RADIOACTIVE CESIUM-137 CHLORIDE SOURCES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is encouraging interested individuals to attend a public meeting scheduled for Sept. 29-30 in Rockville, Md. The meeting is being held to solicit early public input on issues associated with the use of radioactive cesium chloride sources.

The meeting will include five roundtable sessions on the topics of: alternative cesium chloride sources, alternative technologies, phase out and transportation issues, additional enhanced security, and potential future requirements for use of the material.

The workshop will concentrate on the use of cesium chloride sources identified by the International Atomic Energy Agency as Category 1 and 2 sources, which may pose a significant risk to public health and the environment if not properly handled and secured. The National Academy of Sciences recently recommended the replacement or elimination of certain cesium chloride sources to lower the potential for theft or misuse.

The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the North Bethesda Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Road, near the White Flint Metro stop.

The meeting notice can be accessed at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>. More information is also available in the *Federal Register*, at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-17545.pdf>.

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