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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN TEXAS AND MARYLAND ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION RULES FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold two public meetings, in Austin, Texas, and Rockville, Md., to solicit public comment on draft guidance for implementing new security requirements for certain radioactive materials.

The first meeting will be held Sept. 1 at the Doubletree Hotel, 6505 Interstate Highway 35 North, in Austin. The second meeting will be Sept. 20 at the NRC Auditorium, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, in Rockville. Both meetings will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants may join the Rockville meeting on Sept. 20 online at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/221305272> and by calling (888) 469-1280 (passcode 56389) for the audio. Participants wishing to participate virtually are urged to contact Amanda Noonan in advance at (301) 415-2551 or amanda.noonan@nrc.gov to ensure that sufficient phone lines are available.

The NRC published proposed regulations for the physical protection of Category 1 and Category 2 radiation sources in the *Federal Register* on June 15. These sources, as categorized by the International Atomic Energy Agency, are considered the most risk-significant from a safety and a security standpoint. The public comment period for the proposed rule ends Oct. 13.

The agency published a notice of availability for the draft implementation guidance on July 14. The draft guidance is available through the NRC's ADAMS online database at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> by using accession number ML101470684, and can also be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID: NRC-2010-0194.

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