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## NRC TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM FUKUSHIMA-RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS MAY 3, 7 AND 14 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a series of meetings with interested groups and members of the public May 3, 7 and 14, in Rockville, Md., to discuss the staff's plans for resolving the long-term, or "Tier 3," recommendations based on lessons learned from the March 2011 accident at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The May 3 meeting will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; the May 7 and 14 meetings will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All the meetings will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at the NRC Headquarters complex, 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. Members of the public can also participate in the meetings via teleconference and webinar. Anyone interested in attending via phone or webinar should contact John Kauffman at 301-415-2005 or [john.kauffman@nrc.gov](mailto:john.kauffman@nrc.gov) for call-in or webinar log-in information.

The May 3 meeting will discuss the staff's approach to a recommendation regarding fires and flooding caused by an earthquake. The meeting will also cover several recommendations regarding emergency preparedness and stakeholder suggestions to re-examine the NRC's basis for emergency planning zones and the distribution of potassium iodide.

The May 7 meeting will discuss a recommendation to periodically re-examine external hazards. The meeting will also discuss recommendations on NRC inspections and staff training, as well as a stakeholder suggestion on enhancing plant instrumentation.

The May 14 meeting will discuss recommendations regarding containment venting systems for a broad range of reactor designs and controlling the buildup of hydrogen after an accident. The meeting will also discuss a stakeholder suggestion to more rapidly transfer spent reactor fuel from pools to sealed storage casks.

Comments on any of the plans for Tier 3 recommendations can also be submitted via e-mail at [JLD\\_Public.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:JLD_Public.Resource@nrc.gov). The staff will consider public comments before submitting proposals for longer-term actions to the Commission this summer. The Commission will provide guidance to the staff regarding the proposals.

The Tier 3 recommendations are among those developed by the NRC's Japan Near-Term Task Force, which issued its [report](#) in July 2011. The NRC [prioritized](#) those recommendations in December 2011. The staff has continued to expand the list as additional topics were raised during

the early implementation effort and as additional information becomes available. The agency has also established the Japan Lessons-Learned Project Directorate, a group of more than 20 full-time employees to coordinate the agency's efforts to implement lessons learned from the Fukushima Daiichi accident.

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