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NRC Seeks Comment, Will Hold Meeting on Proposed Rule to Set Variable Annual Fees for Small Modular Reactors

The NRC is seeking public comment on a [proposed rule](#) that would establish a variable annual fee structure for light-water small modular reactors (SMRs). The annual fee methodology for large light-water reactors would remain the same under the proposed rule.

The NRC will hold an informational public meeting on the proposed rule Monday, Nov. 16, from 1-4 p.m. in room T2B3 of the NRC's White Flint complex at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Md. NRC staff will describe the basis and methodology developed for the proposed SMR annual fees, which would be linked to the total heat output of all SMR modules at a site. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions on the proposed rule.

Current SMR concepts involve designs generating 300 megawatts electric per module or less, with one or more modules installed at a given site. The NRC has held pre-application discussions with several potential SMR vendors and the agency expects to receive the first SMR design certification application in late 2016.

The meeting will include a teleconference and webinar. For the call-in number, webinar details, or more information on the proposed rule, please contact the NRC's Arlette Howard at 301-415-1481, or via e-mail at Arlette.Howard@nrc.gov.

Comments should be submitted by Dec. 4 using Docket ID NRC-2008-0664; the NRC will consider comments after the deadline if it is practical. Comments can only be submitted on the regulations.gov website; via e-mail to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov; by fax to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101; or by mail to Secretary, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.