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NRC TO DISCUSS REACTOR LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS MAY 9 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with interested stakeholders Wednesday, May 9, to discuss issues important to possible “second” renewals of U.S. commercial reactors’ operating licenses.

The meeting will run from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the Regency Meeting Room of the Hilton Hotel & Executive Meeting Center at 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Md. The meeting will include discussions of the reactor license renewal process, as well as potential technical safety issues and environmental issues for a second renewal. Attendees can also comment on other issues related to second license renewals at the end of the meeting.

The Atomic Energy Act set out a 40-year limit for the initial license of U.S. nuclear power plants, and the act includes provisions to renew reactor licenses. If a multi-year NRC review of environmental and component aging issues is successfully completed, the agency will renew a license for 20 additional years beyond the original license. To date, this process has led to the renewal of 71 of 104 U.S. reactor licenses. A “second renewal” would involve a plant with a renewed license applying for an additional 20-year extension.

A toll-free teleconference will be available during the meeting; please contact Stacie Sakai at 301-415-1884 or stacie.sakai@nrc.gov for call-in information. Members of the public can also submit comments by e-mail to SLR.Resource@nrc.gov until May 25.

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