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NRC TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING ORDERS FOR POST-FUKUSHIMA IMPROVEMENTS MAY 18 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with industry representatives May 18 to discuss schedules and guidance for the Orders and related request for information the agency issued on March 12. The actions stem from recommendations of the NRC's Japan Near-Term Task Force (NTTF), which examined issues raised by the Fukushima nuclear accident in March 2011.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Commissioners' Conference Room at NRC Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Md. Senior NRC management and industry executives will discuss guidance for the three Orders (covering strategies to respond to extreme natural events resulting in the loss of power at plants, ensuring reliable hardened containment vents, and enhancing spent fuel pool instrumentation), as well as a multifaceted request for information.

The public will have the opportunity to ask the NRC staff questions about the process during the meeting, which will be <u>webcast</u>. A teleconference will also be available; those planning to attend the meeting or call in to the teleconference should contact James Shea at 301-415-1388 or <u>james.shea@nrc.gov</u> to ensure adequate meeting resources are available.

The NRC continues to evaluate and act on the lessons learned from Fukushima to ensure U.S. nuclear power plants implement appropriate safety enhancements. Following direction from the agency's five Commissioners, the NRC's activities are being led by a steering committee comprised of senior NRC management. The agency has also established the Japan Lessons-Learned Project Directorate, a group of more than 20 full-time employees focused exclusively on implementing NTTF recommendations and related activities.

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