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## **REGISTRATION OPENS FOR NRC REGULATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE MARCH 8-10 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold its 23rd annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) March 8-10, at the Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Rd., Bethesda, Md. More than 3,000 people are expected to attend, including representatives from more than 30 foreign countries, representatives from all levels of government and a broad range of stakeholders.

“The annual Regulatory Information Conference provides an excellent opportunity for stakeholders and interested members of the public to learn more about the NRC’s safety, security and environmental protection activities,” said NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko. “In addition to conveying important research findings, rulemaking information, and regulatory improvements, we also will be providing ample opportunity for discussion and feedback. I encourage members of the public who are interested in nuclear regulation to attend the RIC and participate in this important forum.”

The conference brings together NRC staff, nuclear plant owners, nuclear materials users, key industry stakeholders, representatives from all levels of government, international regulators, special interest groups and the public to discuss key issues affecting the safety and security of commercial nuclear facilities and current regulatory activities.

This year’s program will feature Chairman Jaczko as keynote speaker. Additional program highlights will include plenary sessions with Commissioners Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood IV, and William C. Ostendorff. The RIC plenary sessions will also include remarks by Bill Borchardt, NRC’s executive director for operations, and special plenary sessions with Martin J. Virgilio, the deputy executive director for reactor and preparedness programs; Eric J. Leeds, director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; and industry officials.

Topics at this year’s RIC include: domestic and international issues associated with operating reactors, new and advanced reactors, fuel cycle facilities, nuclear security, safety research, safety culture and NRC budgeting and fees management improvements.

The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required. It is jointly hosted by the NRC's offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research. The full agenda offers tours of the NRC's Incident Response Center and a broad variety of poster and tabletop presentations.

Those interested in attending may obtain a copy of the conference agenda and register by clicking on the RIC 2011 button on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov>. Early registration is encouraged; however, onsite registration will also be available during the conference.

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