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NRC REORGANIZING OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is reorganizing its Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) in order to better position the office to address changes in the commercial nuclear power industry as utilities move toward building new reactors.

The reorganization prepares NRR for an expected increase in new reactor licensing activity. It will also streamline the NRR organization by realigning major work functions among a greater number of smaller divisions and eliminating a layer of Senior Executive Service (SES) managers. In addition, it will strengthen the NRC's approach to risk-informed and performance-based regulation by consolidating risk assessment activities into one division.

"These moves prepare NRR for an anticipated increase in new reactor licensing workload while ensuring current reactors continue to operate safely," said NRR Director Jim Dyer.

The reorganization is more fully described in SECY-05-0146, "Proposed Reorganization of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation," which will be available on the NRC's Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/recent/2005/>.

Selections for the SES management positions are currently in progress and will be announced separately before the planned implementation date of Oct. 30, 2005.

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