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NRC WORKSHOP OCT. 8-9 IN ROCKVILLE, MD., TO DISCUSS “SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED” REACTOR LICENSING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a workshop at the agency headquarters in Rockville, Md., on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9, to discuss generic issues regarding potential applications for so-called “small and medium-sized” nuclear reactors.

The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 8, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 9 in the auditorium of the NRC’s Two White Flint building at 11545 Rockville Pike in Rockville. The public is invited to participate with NRC staff and industry representatives throughout the workshop.

“We’re going to examine how these ‘small’ reactor vendors would need to address the NRC’s requirements in areas including safety, security, decommissioning and emergency preparedness,” said Michael Mayfield, director of the Advanced Reactor Program in the NRC’s Office of New Reactors. “This meeting will help us and our stakeholders determine what issues need more clarification and get everyone’s expectations on the same page.”

The NRC is currently focused on reviewing applications for a variety of light-water reactor designs similar in size to those used in current U.S. commercial nuclear power plants. Several reactor vendors, however, have indicated they intend to seek NRC certification for designs that are much smaller and in some cases could be used for applications other than producing electricity, such as providing heat for industrial processes.

A teleconference line and Webinar will be available for members of the public; Webinar participants can view workshop presentations online, as well as take part in discussions on the proposal. For more information or to register for the meeting, contact Brian Wagner (301-251-7595 or brian.wagner@nrc.gov) or William Reckley (301-415-7490 or william.reckley@nrc.gov).

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