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## NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOPS IN NEW YORK CITY AND HOUSTON ON MEDICAL EVENT DEFINITION AND OTHER RULE CHANGES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold two public workshops this summer, in New York City and Houston, to discuss possible changes to the definition of “medical events,” as well as other potential revisions of NRC regulations on the medical uses of radioactive materials.

The New York workshop will be held June 20-21 at the Flatotel Hotel, at 135 West 52<sup>nd</sup> St. in Manhattan. The Houston workshop will be held August 11-12, with specific location to be determined and announced separately.

The workshops follow Commission direction to the staff to work with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes as well as the medical community to develop event definitions that will protect the interests of patients and allow doctors flexibility to take actions they deem medically necessary, while preserving the NRC’s ability to detect misapplications of radioactive material and failures in process, procedure and training.

The workshops will also discuss the definition of medical events specifically associated with permanent implant brachytherapy, naming associate radiation safety officers on licenses, and other potential revisions to NRC’s medical regulations in 10 CFR Part 35.

More information on the workshops, including agendas and registration, is currently available online at <http://www.blsm meetings.net/NRCMedicalRulemakingWorkshop/>.

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