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## **NRC TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETING ON ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM IN ROCKVILLE, MD. NOV. 8**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting Nov. 8 to solicit feedback from its stakeholders on its [Alternative Dispute Resolution \(ADR\) Program](#).

The ADR program is in the NRC's Office of Enforcement, which oversees, manages, develops guidance for, and participates in this program. The ADR is an important aspect of the NRC's enforcement program.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room T-2B3 in Two White Flint North at NRC Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The meeting will be open to the public. Those persons not able to attend in person may participate via Webinar.

The meeting will be composed of panel discussions addressing implementation of the ADR program and whether changes could be made to the program to make it more effective, transparent, and efficient. The panel will include members of the NRC, NRC-regulated industries, and the public. Panel discussions will be followed by opportunities for other meeting participants to ask questions and/or provide comments.

On Sept. 6, (76 FR 55136), the NRC announced its intention to hold a public meeting addressing implementation of its ADR Program in the [Federal Register](#) ([ADAMS](#) Accession number ML11237A115), and solicited nominations of individuals to participate on a panel to discuss various aspects of the program's effectiveness, transparency and efficiency.

Prior to the meeting, attendees are requested to register with one of the contacts listed below so that sufficient accommodations can be made for their participation:  
Shahram Ghasemian, telephone: 301-415-3591 or by e-mail to [Shahram.Ghasemian@nrc.gov](mailto:Shahram.Ghasemian@nrc.gov);  
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ADR encompasses a variety of voluntary processes that may be used as alternatives to litigation to resolve potential disputes. The most common examples of ADR include settlement following direct negotiation between opposing parties, mediation (negotiation mediated by a neutral third party), arbitration (where a neutral third party acts as an arbiter to issue a final

decision regarding a dispute), conciliation and facilitation. The NRC has elected to use mediation as its means to ADR. These ADR techniques often result in cordial, effective and fair resolution of disputed issues.

Further information on participating via the Webinar can be found on the [NRC public meeting schedule Web page](#) along with any additional information about this meeting.

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