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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 15 ON PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH “TECHNOLOGY NEUTRAL” REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING NEW REACTORS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with interested stakeholders June 15 in Rockville, Md., to clarify the agency’s approach in an advance notice of proposed rulemaking on changes to requirements for commercial nuclear power plants.

The meeting will run from 9 a.m. until noon in room T9A1 of Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville. The NRC staff is not actively seeking comment on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking at this meeting, but will clarify the general approach and questions being asked in the document. The staff will also describe information to be added to the draft document in July, and seek input on the format, topics and agenda for a workshop on this issue, currently planned for Aug. 22 and 23. The public is invited to provide comments and ask questions throughout the meeting.

The changes being considered would establish a comprehensive set of requirements applicable to all nuclear power plant technologies, informed by risk analyses and based on performance criteria. These new requirements would be included in NRC regulations as a new 10 CFR Part 53 and would be intended primarily for any new nuclear power plant. They would also be available to current plants as an alternative to existing requirements in 10 CFR Part 50.

Comments on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking will be accepted through Dec. 29, although comments received before Aug. 4 would be most beneficial to the NRC. Comments should include the identification number **RIN 3150 AH-81** in the header or subject line. Comments may be mailed to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. They may be e-mailed to SECY@nrc.gov, via the NRC’s rulemaking Web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>, or through the Federal Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments may also be faxed to the Secretary at 301-415-1101, or hand-delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on federal workdays.

For more information on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking or the meeting, contact NRC staff members Joseph Birmingham (telephone 301-415-2829, e-mail jlb4@nrc.gov) or Mary Drouin (telephone 301-415-6675, e-mail mxd@nrc.gov).

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