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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING AUGUST 31 ON LICENSE APPLICATION FOR HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL IRRADIATOR

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting on Aug. 31 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to discuss how the agency will review the application submitted by Pa'ina Hawaii, LLC, a Hawaiian owned company, to build and operate an underwater pool-type commercial irradiator near the Honolulu International Airport.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive. The purpose of the meeting is for the NRC staff to provide information on the process that will be used to review the application submitted by Pa'ina Hawaii on June 27.

The device would primarily be used for the irradiation of fresh fruit and vegetables bound for the mainland from the Hawaiian islands. During use, materials to be irradiated are loaded into a stainless steel chamber, then lowered into a water-filled pool where they are exposed to radiation. The company also plans to irradiate cosmetics and pharmaceutical products, conduct research and development activities and irradiate a wide range of other materials as specifically approved by the NRC.

This will be the first of several public meetings the NRC staff plans to hold in Hawaii to enhance public awareness of the agency's independent regulatory role in protecting public health and safety and the environment, solicit public comments on the irradiator application, and encourage public involvement in the regulatory process.

"The NRC staff looks forward to meeting with members of the community and explaining the process we will use in reviewing this license application," said Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett.

A copy of the license application (with security-sensitive information redacted) will be available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Use ADAMS number ML052060372. Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the NRC Public Document Room staff at 1-800-397-4209, or by sending a message to: pdr@nrc.gov.

In addition, copies of the application will be available for inspection at the Honolulu Public Library and the library of the University of Hawaii.

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