

provide views on how NRC plans to revise its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This public workshop follows the recent public stakeholder workshop held on March 22–23, 2000. Presentations and other documents provided at each workshop are placed on the NRC Internet web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/FCSS/FCOB/INSP/REVISED/fcindex.htm>).

Similar to the revision of the oversight program for commercial nuclear power plants, NRC initiated an effort to improve its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This is described in SECY–99–188 titled, “Evaluation and Proposed Revision of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facility Safety Inspection Program.” SECY–99–188 is available in the Public Document Room and on the NRC Web Page at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html>.

Purpose of Workshop

To obtain stakeholder views for improving the NRC oversight program for ensuring licensee and certificate holders maintain protection of worker and public health and safety, protection of the environment, and safeguards for special nuclear material and sensitive information and material in the interest of national security. The oversight program applies to nuclear fuel cycle facilities regulated under 10 CFR parts 40, 70, and 76.

The facilities currently include gaseous diffusion plants, highly enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, low-enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, and a uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) production facility. These facilities possess large quantities of materials that are potentially hazardous (i.e., radioactive, toxic, and/or flammable) to the workers, public, and environment. In revising the oversight program, the goal is to have an oversight program that: (1) provides earlier and more objective indications of acceptable and changing safety and national security related performance, (2) increases stakeholder confidence in the NRC, and (3) increases regulatory effectiveness, efficiency, and realism. In this regard, the NRC desires the revised oversight program to be more risk-informed and performance-based and more focused on significant risks and poorer performers.

The public workshop will focus on:

- Plans for communicating revision of the oversight program with stakeholders internal and external to the NRC.
- Cornerstones of safety and national security for meeting the NRC mission.
- Performance indicators for monitoring licensee/certificatee

performance within each cornerstone area.

DATES: Members of the public and other stakeholders are invited to attend and participate in the workshop, which is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, and Thursday, May 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: NEI, 1776 I Street (Republic Place), Washington, DC. Visitor parking around NEI is limited; however, the public meeting site may be reached from Rockville by taking the Red line metro to Farragut North, and exiting at K Street. Farragut Park will be in front of you. Notice that 17th Street is parallel to the park. Walk one block along 17th Street to I Street, turn right, walk one more block. NEI is on the left on corner of 18th and I Streets, NW From Reagan National Airport, NEI may be reached by taking the Blue line train towards Addison Road to Farragut West. Exit to 18th Street, and NEI is diagonally across the street on the corner of 18th and I Streets, NW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and Advisory

Committee on Nuclear Waste Joint Subcommittee Meeting; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) Joint Subcommittee will hold a meeting on May 4, 2000, Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, May 4, 2000—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The ACRS and ACNW Joint Subcommittee will discuss the development of risk-informed regulation in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety

and Safeguards, including risk-informing fuel cycle programs, integrated safety assessments, byproduct material risk analysis, dry cask storage risk analysis, the results of a public workshop on the use of risk information in regulating the use of nuclear materials, and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the ACRS and ACNW full Committees.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the ACRS and ACNW full Committees. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS/ACNW staff members named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, its consultants, and other interested persons regarding these matters.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Subcommittee's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant senior fellow, John N. Sorensen (telephone 301/415–7372) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (EDT) or by e-mail JNS@NRC.gov or senior staff engineer, Michael T. Markley (telephone: 301–415–6885). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above-named individuals one to two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: April 11, 2000.

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