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NRC TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING ORDERS FOR POST-FUKUSHIMA IMPROVEMENTS JAN. 16 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with industry representatives Jan. 16 to continue discussions on schedules and guidance for actions stemming from recommendations of the NRC's Japan Near-Term Task Force, which examined issues raised by the Fukushima nuclear accident in March 2011.

The meeting will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room on the first floor of the White Flint North complex at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Md. NRC management and industry executives will discuss topics including:

- U.S. nuclear power plants' integrated plans for complying with three specific post-Fukushima actions the NRC ordered the plants to take in March 2012;
- Efforts to better understand and analyze flooding and earthquake hazards;
- Strategies to respond to extreme natural events resulting in the loss of power at plants, and;
- Longer-term activities to resolve other recommendations.

The public will have the opportunity to ask the NRC staff questions about the process during the meeting, which will be <u>webcast</u>. The meeting will include a teleconference; those planning to attend the meeting or call in to the teleconference should contact Richard Jervey at 301-415-1073 or <u>richard.jervey@nrc.gov</u> to ensure adequate meeting resources are available.

The NRC continues to evaluate and act on the lessons learned from Fukushima to ensure U.S. nuclear power plants implement appropriate safety enhancements. Following direction from the agency's five Commissioners, the NRC's activities are being led by a steering committee comprised of senior NRC management. The agency has also established the Japan Lessons-Learned Project Directorate, a group of more than 20 full-time employees focused exclusively on implementing the task force's recommendations and related activities.

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