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NRC TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY RESPONSE RULEMAKING MAY 23 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with interested groups and members of the public on Wednesday, May 23, in Rockville, Md., to discuss how the agency is considering changes to NRC rules covering onsite emergency response.

The meeting will run from 9 a.m. to noon EDT in Room T2B3 of NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. Members of the public can also participate in the meeting via teleconference and webinar. For information on pre-registering, calling in or participating in the webinar, please contact Robert Beall at 301-415-3874 or Robert.beall@nrc.gov.

The meeting will discuss the staff's preliminary thoughts on a recently announced [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (ANPR) to revise onsite emergency response requirements. The proposed rulemaking seeks to strengthen and integrate three categories of emergency response: Emergency Operating Procedures, Severe Accident Management Guidelines and Extensive Damage Mitigation Guidelines. This rulemaking process comes in response to a recommendation for enhancing safety at U.S. reactors based on lessons learned from the accident at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The meeting is meant to inform the public about the staff's approach to revising the onsite response rules, and to allow the public to ask clarifying questions. Comments on the ANPR, however, should be provided through the regulations.gov website by searching for files under **Docket ID NRC-2012-0031**. Comments (referencing the Docket ID) can also be e-mailed to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov; mailed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555-0001; or faxed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

The comment deadline is June 18; comments received after the deadline will be considered if possible, but the NRC is only able to ensure consideration of comments received by the deadline.

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