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NRC TO BROADCAST COMMISSION MEETINGS LIVE OVER THE INTERNET

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will use "media streaming" technology to pilot test the broadcast of some public Commission meetings live over the Internet. The first "streamed" meeting, featuring a briefing on the agency's international activities, will begin at 9:30 a.m. on August 15.

Over the next eight months (from now through March 26, 2001), up to 20 public Commission meetings will be broadcast over the Internet as a means of improving communications with the public. All "streamed" meetings will be archived and available to Internet users worldwide at <u>www.nrc.gov/live.html</u>.

To observe Commission meetings, users will need a computer equipped with a sound card and speakers, access to the Internet, and Real Networks Player software (a free version is available for download from the <u>www.nrc.gov/live.html</u> web page). Detailed instructions are provided at the web site for accessing the meetings, as well as a toll-free telephone number and e-mail address for assistance.

The web page provides viewers an opportunity to provide comments on the broadcasts. The agency will use this feedback in determining the value of providing this service in the future. Meeting transcripts and a complete listing of Commission meetings will continue to be available on NRC's home page at <u>www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/meet.html#COMMISSION</u>.

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