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NRC ANNOUNCES MEETINGS ON PROPOSED RULE FOR PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTING RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct two public meetings on June 4 in Chicago, Illinois, and June 24 in Rockville, Maryland, to obtain comments on its recent proposal to revise its regulations regarding the packaging and transportation of radioactive material. The changes would make the regulations compatible with the latest revision of the International Atomic Energy Agency standards and codify other NRC-initiated changes.

The proposed revisions are being coordinated with the Department of Transportation, which also recently published a proposed change to its regulations to make them consistent with the same IAEA standards. The DOT, which is the lead federal agency for transportation regulations in the United States, will be participating in NRC's meetings.

The June 4 meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago. An afternoon session will run from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and an evening session will run from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Both sessions will be preceded by an open house at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively. The open house will provide an opportunity for informal interactions between NRC staff and meeting attendees. This meeting will be conducted as a town hall discussion between representatives of a broad spectrum of interests and NRC and DOT staff.

The June 24 meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at NRC headquarters in the Auditorium, located at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. There will be an open house at 8:00 a.m. Although this meeting will be conducted as a roundtable discussion among invited participants, the public is also welcome to make comments.

A copy of the proposed revisions, 10 CFR Part 71 of the NRC's regulations, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room 0-1F23, Rockville, Maryland. A copy is also available electronically through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System. For help in using ADAMS, contact the Public Document Room staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

Written comments on the proposed rule can be submitted at the meetings or in writing to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Comments can also be delivered to NRC at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. weekdays.

Comments can be provided by e-mail through NRC's interactive rulemaking web site located at http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/rulemake?source=PART71_PRULE. Links to the proposed rule, supporting document, and public comment form will be posted there. For information about this web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher at 301-415-5905 or by e-mail at CAG@nrc.gov.

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