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NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO ATTEND DECOMMISSIONING WORKSHOP APRIL 20 - 21 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct a workshop April 20 and 21 in Rockville, Md., on the decommissioning of sites formerly used for NRC-licensed activities and termination of the related NRC licenses. The April 21 session will feature an address by Commissioner Jeffrey Merrifield beginning at 8:15 a.m.

The workshop will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day at the Shady Grove Center, Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville. Members of the public are encouraged to attend, ask questions and assist the staff in its development of guidance on issues associated with decommissioning activities and license termination. The agency plans to revise its "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance," NUREG-1757, and seeks suggestions on improvements and clarifications.

Topics at the workshop focused on guidance development will include incentives for decommissioning, finality of decommissioning, definitions of clean versus contaminated soil, information required for the decommissioning plan, and additional controls for restricted site release. Sites affected include former nuclear reactors and facilities that used uranium or thorium to manufacture various products. The workshop also will serve as a forum for stakeholders to provide feedback on lessons learned in decommissioning.

"This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to obtain information and provide feedback to the NRC staff on technical issues associated with the decommissioning program, lessons learned in decommissioning and the decommissioning process in general," said Daniel M. Gillen, Director of the Decommissioning Directorate, NRC Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection. "NRC's goal is to seek stakeholder assistance in improving the efficiency, openness and flexibility of its decommissioning program."

Further details on the workshop, including links to the latest agenda and directions to Shady Grove Center, are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/decommissioning.html> . A copy of NUREG-1757 is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1757/> .

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