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## NRC'S 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REGULATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE TO BE MARCH 7-9 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), March 7-9, at the Marriott Bethesda North, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, Md. Attendees will include representatives from more than 20 foreign countries. Also expected are staff members from the U.S. Congress.

Speakers at the conference will include Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Nils Diaz and Commissioners Edward McGaffigan, Jeffrey Merrifield, Gregory Jaczko and Peter Lyons. The conference is free and open to the public. Those interested in attending can register at the NRC's Web site, <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/registration.html">http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/registration.html</a>, and onsite registration will also be available during the conference. The RIC is a joint presentation of the NRC's Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research.

The conference brings together NRC staff, regulated utilities and other interested stakeholders to meet and discuss nuclear safety topics and regulatory trends. Topics at this year's RIC include licensing new nuclear power plants, emergency preparedness lessons from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the proposed national high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

The conference agenda is available on the NRC's Web site at this address: <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/">http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/</a>.

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