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NRC, FERC COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS GRID RELIABILITY JANUARY 23 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

Commissioners and staff from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will meet January 23rd in Rockville, Md., to discuss electric grid issues, including an update on the impact of grid reliability on the operation of U.S. commercial nuclear power plants.

The two agencies have been meeting regularly since the blackout of Aug. 14, 2003, which caused nine U.S. nuclear power plants to shut down. Both the NRC and FERC participated in a joint U.S.-Canada task force that reviewed the blackout, and the agencies signed a Memorandum of Agreement in 2004 to collaborate on electric grid reliability issues and address the task force's recommendations.

Also participating in the meeting will be staff members from the Department of Energy and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

The meeting will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the NRC Commissioners' Conference Room, in the One White Flint North Building, at 11555 Rockville Pike. The public is invited to attend the meeting, which will also be available via Web cast at www.nrc.gov.

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