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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON CESIUM CHLORIDE POLICY STATEMENT NOV. 8-9 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting Nov. 8-9 in Rockville, Md., to solicit public input on its draft policy statement on the protection of cesium-137 chloride (CsCl) sources.

The meeting will be held at The Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., in Rockville. The meeting will include a roundtable discussion on major issues associated with the proposed policy. Details on registering for the meeting and on the issues to be discussed were published Sept. 29 in the *Federal Register* at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-09-29/pdf/2010-24392.pdf>.

The draft policy statement on protection of CsCl sources was published in the *Federal Register* on June 29. It describes the NRC's proposed policy and expectations on the secure uses of CsCl sources and the agency's potential actions should the threat environment change. The draft statement emphasizes that the security of radiation sources is an essential part of the NRC's mission, CsCl sources are adequately protected under current NRC requirements, and the NRC encourages voluntary design improvements that could further enhance their security.

The draft statement and additional information about it are available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/licensing.html>. For further information, contact Dr. John P. Jankovich, at 301-415-7904 or john.jankovich@nrc.gov, or Dr. Cynthia G. Jones, 301-415-0298, or cynthia.jones@nrc.gov.

The public meeting was originally announced in the June *Federal Register* notice for Nov. 16-17. The dates were changed to Nov. 8-9 in the September notice because of the need to secure an appropriate venue.

Written comments on the draft policy statement are being accepted through Dec. 17. They may be submitted through the federal government's rulemaking website, <http://www.regulations.gov>, using Docket ID NRC-2010-0209, or by mail to Cindy

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