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REGISTRATION OPENS FOR NRC REGULATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE MARCH 13-15 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold its 24th annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) March 13-15, at the Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Rd., Bethesda, Md. The RIC is jointly hosted by the NRC's offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research. More than 3,000 people are expected to attend, including representatives from more than 30 foreign countries, representatives from all levels of government and a broad range of stakeholders.

The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Conference agenda and the online registration are now available by clicking the [RIC 2012](#) button on the [NRC website](#). Deadline for online registration is Feb. 28.

"The annual Regulatory Information Conference provides an excellent opportunity for stakeholders and interested members of the public to learn more about the NRC's work to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety and to protect the environment," said NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko. "In addition to conveying important research findings, rulemaking information and regulatory improvements, we also will be providing ample opportunities for discussion and feedback. I encourage members of the public who are interested in nuclear regulation to attend the RIC and participate in this important forum."

The conference brings together NRC staff, nuclear plant owners, nuclear materials users, key industry stakeholders, representatives from all levels of government, international regulators, special interest groups and the public to discuss key issues affecting the safety and security of commercial nuclear facilities and current regulatory activities. This year's program will feature Chairman Jaczko as keynote speaker.

Additional program highlights will include plenary sessions with Commissioners Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood IV, and William C. Ostendorff. The RIC plenary sessions will also include remarks by Bill Borchardt, NRC's executive director for operations. Eric J. Leeds, the director of the office of nuclear reactor regulation will moderate a special plenary session with Martin J. Virgilio, the deputy executive director for reactor and preparedness programs and industry officials.

The major topics at this year's RIC are all related to the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident and include the NRC's response to lessons-learned such as seismic, and station blackout events, flooding and ventilation issues, emergency preparedness and incident response. In addition, technical programs will address significant domestic and international issues associated with operating reactors, new and advanced reactors, fuel cycle facilities, nuclear security, safety research and safety culture policies.

The full agenda offers tours of the NRC's Incident Response Center and a broad variety of poster and tabletop presentations. Early registration is encouraged; however, onsite registration will also be available during the conference.

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