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REGISTRATION OPENS FOR NRC REGULATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE MARCH 12-14 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold its 25th annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) March 12-14 at the Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Rd., Bethesda, Md. The conference 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 industry executives, representatives from state governments, non-governmental organizations, individual community members, and representatives from more than 30 foreign countries.

The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Conference agenda and online registration are now available by clicking the [RIC 2013 button](#) on the [NRC website](#). Deadline for online registration is Feb. 26.

"This Regulatory Information Conference marks a quarter century of the NRC's annual information exchange among a diverse group that spans the U.S. nuclear industry, the public, government to non-governmental organizations, and international groups," NRC Chairman Allison Macfarlane said. "I believe that regulatory effectiveness is strengthened when there are open and transparent interactions with a common focus on safe and secure nuclear operations. The conference is a great opportunity to engage in productive dialogue and to share best practices, concerns, and perspectives."

The conference brings together NRC staff, nuclear plant owners, nuclear materials users, industry stakeholders, international regulators, special interest groups and the public to discuss issues related to the safety and security of commercial nuclear facilities and current regulatory activities. This year's program features Chairman Macfarlane as keynote speaker.

Additional program highlights 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 NRC senior managers and industry officials.

Five of the sessions at this year's RIC are related to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear accident and the NRC's effort to implement lessons learned. The remaining technical program addresses significant domestic and international issues associated with operating reactors, new and advanced reactors, fuel cycle facilities, nuclear security, safety research and safety culture policies.

Early registration is encouraged; however, onsite registration will also be available during the conference.

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