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NRC HOSTING MULTI-AGENCY FEDERAL WORKSHOP JAN. 29-31 ON IMPROVING EXTREME FLOOD EVENT HAZARD ASSESSMENT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will host specialists from several federal agencies, contractors, industry, academia and other subject-matter experts at NRC headquarters from Jan. 29-31 to discuss improved methods to estimate extreme flood event frequencies.

Specialists from several NRC offices developed the [workshop](#) together with their counterparts at the Department of Energy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day in the auditorium of the NRC's White Flint complex at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The public is welcome to observe in person or via live [webcast](#), which will also be archived for later viewing. Those interested in attending should complete a [registration form](#) as soon as possible to facilitate navigating NRC security during the workshop.

The workshop will examine several issues, starting with the various agencies' flood-assessment needs for evaluating critical infrastructure. Each day will conclude with a limited opportunity for the public to ask questions and make comments on workshop topics. This workshop is part of a research effort to inform future activities meant to incorporate event probabilities into a risk-informed approach for external hazards, in this case flood hazards. The workshop discussions are separate from ongoing NRC requirements for U.S. nuclear power plants to re-examine flooding hazards. The workshop topics exclude licensing issues or discussion of specific plants, and no regulatory decisions will be considered.

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