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## **NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM – NRC CHAT – TO BE UNVEILED ON APRIL 30**

The NRC is expanding its social media program by launching a pilot of a live discussion platform known as [NRC Chat](#). The first Chat is scheduled for April 30 at 2 p.m. EDT on the subject of the history of U.S. nuclear power with the NRC's historian, Tom Wellock.

The Chat is similar to the existing NRC blog, and is also hosted on Wordpress, but it features a more real-time discussion. Each Chat session will focus on a specific issue with an NRC expert responding to the questions. As part of the agency's Open Government effort, Chat addresses a key element in NRC's Open Government Plan -- enhancing the agency's communication with the public and other stakeholders through social media technologies.

A six-month schedule will be posted on the Chat site soon. Reminders for each session will also be sent via Twitter. It's expected that two Chat sessions will be held each month, and the platform evaluated after six months. All Chats are also archived. A series of comment guidelines are posted on the site, and only on-topic comments will be posted. Comments on other topics can be posted on the NRC Blog's [Open Forum section](#).

Questions can be submitted early by sending them to [opa.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:opa.resource@nrc.gov). Please put CHAT in the subject line.

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