

**SUMMARY:** On December 31, 1996, (61 FR 69120) the NRC published for public comment a proposed generic letter concerning the effectiveness of ultrasonic testing systems in inservice inspection programs. The generic letter will enable the NRC to determine if addressees are taking appropriate action to qualify future ultrasonic testing (UT) examinations. The comment period for this proposed generic letter was originally scheduled to expire on January 30, 1997. In a letter dated January 6, 1997, the Nuclear Energy Institute requested a 29-day extension of the comment period to permit sufficient time to solicit input from its members, assemble an integrated set of industry comments, and submit a consolidated comment package to the NRC for review. In response to this request, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period.

**DATES:** The comment period has been extended 29 days and will now expire on February 28, 1997. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6D-69, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Written comments may also be delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald G. Naujock (301) 415-2767.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of January, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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### Regulatory Information Conference

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The objectives of the conference are to give the licensees and the public insights into our approach to safety regulations and to provide a forum for feedback from those in

attendance on their concerns about our overall approach, as well as feedback on differences that may exist on technical issues. NRC staff will provide information regarding on-going programs and potential new initiatives as a basis for discussion.

Discussions will proceed from general (i.e., the plenary sessions) to specific issues (i.e., the breakout sessions), with emphasis on plant operations and the NRC view of these operations based on experience in carrying out its regulatory mission. Three plenary sessions are planned, two of which will be followed by breakout sessions that will include presentations by the NRC staff and industry representatives.

**DATES:** Conference will be held April 1-2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The conference will be held at the Capital Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, Telephone: (202) 393-1000, FAX: (202) 639-5742 (Refer to NRC Meeting for special conference rate).

**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONTACT:** ES Inc., by facsimile on (202) 835-0118 or by phone on (202) 835-1585, after January 20, 1997.

**PARTICIPATION:** This conference is open to the general public; however, advance registration is required by March 10, 1997. The following is the preliminary program for the conference:

Tuesday, April 1, 1997—(8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.)

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks—Samuel J. Collins, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
2. Morning Speaker: NRC Chairman Shirley A. Jackson
3. Morning Plenary Session: Regulatory Trends
4. Breakout Sessions:
  1. Electric Power Industry Restructuring and Deregulation
  2. Design Basis FSAR and Vertical Slice Architect/Engineer Inspections
  3. Spent Fuel Storage Issues
  4. PRA Implementation, Plant Risk Monitoring
5. Post-Luncheon Speaker: Commissioner Kenneth C. Rogers
6. Afternoon Plenary Session: Regional Administrators' Panel: Each Regional Administrator will make presentations on topics of current interest
7. Breakout Sessions:
  1. Enforcement Issues
  2. Steam Generator Issues
  3. License Renewal
  4. Core Performance/Fuel Issues

Wednesday, April 2, 1997—(8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.)

1. Breakout Sessions:
  1. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION I
  2. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION II
  3. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION III
  4. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION IV
2. Breakout Sessions:
  1. Organizational Changes and Strategic Planning
  2. Maintenance Rule Experience
  3. Decommissioning
  4. Allegation/Employee Concerns
3. Post-Luncheon Speaker: Commissioner Nils J. Diaz
4. Breakout Sessions:
  1. 10 CFR 50.59
  2. Reactor Licensing Priorities and Process Improvements
  3. Reactor Pressure Vessel and Internals
  4. Fire Protection Issues
5. Closing Plenary Session: Samuel J. Collins, Director, NRR/NRC

Note: There will be a question and answer period after each session each day.

Next year's conference is scheduled for April 14-15, 1998, at the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of January 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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