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NRC TO HOLD BRIEFING ON YEAR 2000 ISSUES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a briefing on Year 2000 issues on Thursday, February 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

The NRC is located at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland, directly across from the White Flint Metro stop on the Red Line. The meeting, expected to last about 90 minutes, will be open to the public and media.

John Koskinen, Chair of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, will provide an overview of the Federal government's Year 2000 problems. Frank Miraglia, the NRC's Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Effectiveness, will provide the Commission with a status report on agency Y2K activities with regard to regulation of its licensees. Jim Davis of the Nuclear Energy Institute, will discuss the industry's activities to prepare nuclear power plants for the Year 2000 computer problem.

The "Year 2000" or Y2K problem refers to computers' potential inability to recognize dates beginning with January 1, 2000, and beyond. It is caused by computer programs that use two-digit numbers to represent a calendar year (such as "98" for 1998). If the problem is not corrected, vulnerable computer systems will read "00" as 1900, rather than 2000, possibly causing some systems or equipment to malfunction.

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