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NRC HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS TO ITS FORCE-ON-FORCE INSPECTIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is holding a public meeting Thursday, July 12, to discuss proposed enhancements to the agency's Force-on-Force Significance Determination Process, which is one way the NRC inspects the security programs at nuclear power plants through so-called "force-on-force" exercises.

Force-on-force inspections are part of the overall regime under which the NRC inspects safety and security protocols. In force-on-force inspections, a mock adversary force "attacks" a site, and the NRC assesses the plant's ability to defend itself. These are conducted every three years.

NRC staff members are currently reviewing options for enhancing these inspections, including enhancing the way some of the objectives are assessed. At this meeting, the staff will brief the public and stakeholders on status of the proposed changes, and seek input and questions from the audience.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the NRC's Two White Flint North building (with visitor entrance at the One White Flint North building) at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., Room T10A01. Participation is also available via a toll-free audio teleconference. The call-in number is 1-888-968-4312, passcode: 22859.

The full meeting notice is located here: http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm?action=search.detail&MeetingCode=20120582.

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