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NOTIFICATION OF NRC INTERNATIONAL REGULATORS CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR
SECURITY ON DECEMBER 4, 2012 (FSME-12-079)

Purpose: To provide notification that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is hosting the first-ever International Regulators Conference on Nuclear Security to discuss a wide range of activities relevant to enhancing regulatory approaches for security at civilian facilities.

Background: In 2010, United States President Obama convened the first international Nuclear Security Summit, whose objective was to focus on how to better safeguard weapons-grade plutonium and uranium to prevent nuclear terrorism, which was deemed "one of the most challenging threats to international security." Among other activities, parties agreed to work cooperatively as an international community to advance nuclear security; acknowledged the need for capacity building for nuclear security and cooperation at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels; supported the implementation of strong nuclear security practices; and recognized that measures contributing to nuclear material security have value in relation to the security of radioactive substances.

At the follow-on March 26-27, 2012, Nuclear Security Summit in the Republic of Korea, the United States committed to hosting a Nuclear Regulators Security Conference to be held on December 4-6, 2012. The goal of the conference is to enhance awareness of the importance of comprehensive national regulatory security programs, and to build relationships with counterpart regulatory entities with responsibility for nuclear and radioactive materials security.

Discussion: The conference will take place on December 4-6, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on December 4-5 and from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on December 6, Eastern Standard Time, at the Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, located at 1750 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852.

Registration is required and must be done prior to November 9 to be accepted to the conference. We encourage interested participants to register early as space is limited for this conference. The full meeting notice, conference schedule, planning information, updates about the event and online registration are located at the following website:

<http://www.nrcsecurityconference.org/>.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact the individual named below.

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