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NRC Meeting Aug. 22 in Rockville, Md., to Discuss Review of Faster Transfer of Spent Fuel to Dry Casks

NRC staff will discuss ongoing analysis of spent fuel transfer with the public on Aug. 22 in Rockville, Md. The staff, as part of the NRC's response to the 2011 Fukushima nuclear accident, has been examining potentially faster transfer of spent fuel into "dry cask" facilities.

The meeting will run from 9-11:30 a.m. EDT in the Commission Hearing Room of the NRC's White Flint complex at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. NRC staff will describe their ongoing analysis on whether faster transfers should be required. The analysis is based in part on a recent <u>draft report</u> comparing the effects of a very strong earthquake on one type of fully loaded spent fuel pool versus the same pool with a minimal amount of spent fuel.

The meeting will include a teleconference and <u>webinar</u> for those unable to attend in person. Interested groups and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the staff's analysis. Please contact Kevin Witt at 301-415-2145 or <u>kevin.witt@nrc.gov</u> for teleconference information (to ensure appropriate resources are available) or for questions about the meeting.