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## Registration Opens for NRC's 2017 Regulatory Information Conference

Registration is now open for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 29<sup>th</sup> annual Regulatory Information Conference. The RIC is being held March 14-16 at the Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Md.

The NRC's offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Regulatory Research jointly host the RIC. The conference is open to the public. Registration is required, but there is no registration fee. The conference agenda and online registration links are available on the [NRC website](#). The deadline for [online registration](#) is Feb. 28.

Approximately 3,000 people are expected to attend, including industry executives, representatives from state governments, non-governmental organizations, individual community members, and representatives from dozens of foreign countries. The conference is an opportunity for attendees to discuss issues related to the safety and security of commercial nuclear facilities and current regulatory activities.

The program will feature Chairman Stephen G. Burns as the keynote speaker. Additional program highlights will include plenary sessions with Commissioner Kristine L. Svinicki and Commissioner Jeff Baran. NRC's Executive Director for Operations Victor McCree will deliver remarks, and Bill Dean, director of NRR, will give welcome and introductory remarks. This year's special guest speaker is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations Robert F. Willard. Located in Atlanta, INPO is an independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the highest levels of safety and reliability -- to promote excellence -- in the operation of nuclear electric generating plants.

Other technical sessions will address significant domestic and international issues such as cybersecurity, subsequent license renewal, advanced and small modular reactors, spent fuel research activities, recent reactor material issues and the reactor oversight process.

Early registration is encouraged; however, onsite registration will also be available during the conference. For more information regarding registration hours, badge protocol, security and changes to luggage accommodations, visit the [NRC website](#).