

based, cross-disability consumer task force on technology. Tech Watch provides information to NCD on issues relating to emerging legislation on technology and helps monitor compliance with civil rights legislation, such as Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

**DATES:** September 18, 1998, 1:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

**FOR TECHNOLOGY WATCH INFORMATION,**

**CONTACT:** Jamal Mazrui, Program Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20004–1107; 202–272–2114 (Voice), 202–272–2074 (TTY), 202–272–2022 (Fax), jmazruincd.gov (e-mail).

**AGENCY MISSION:** The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature of severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

These committees are necessary to provide advice and recommendations to NCD on international disability issues and technology accessibility for people with disabilities.

We currently have balanced membership representing a variety of disabling conditions from across the United States.

**OPEN CONFERENCE CALLS:** These advisory committee conference calls of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public. However, due to fiscal constraints and staff limitations, a limited number of additional lines will be available. Individuals can also participate in the conference calls at the NCD office. Those interested in joining these conference calls should contact the appropriate staff member listed above.

Records will be kept of all International Watch and Tech Watch conference calls and will be available after each conference call for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 21, 1998.

**Ethel D. Briggs,**

*Executive Director.*

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## NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

### Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** At its fifth on-site meeting the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, established under Public Law 104–169, dated August 3, 1996, will hear presentations from invited panels of speakers, receive public comment, and conduct its normal meeting business.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 10, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting site will be: Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531.

**DATE:** Friday, September 11, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting site will be: Radisson Hotel New Orleans, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Written comments can be sent to the Commission at 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to the public both days. However, the Commission will enter executive session during its lunch period from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** For further information contact Craig Stevens at (202) 523–8217 or write to 800 North Capitol St., N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will take place over a two-day period in two separate locations, Biloxi, Mississippi on September 10, and New Orleans, Louisiana on September 11. The meeting agenda will include presentations from State and Local Officials; staff briefings on Gambling Economics, Regulations, Treatment, and Crime; testimony from invited panels of speakers on Gambling and the National Economy, Gambling and Community Development, State Regulation, Pathological Gambling, and Gambling and Crime; normal meeting business; executive session; and an open forum period for public comment at both venues. An open forum for public participation will be held both days on issues relevant to the Commission's work. On September 10 in Biloxi, it will be held from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On September 11 in New Orleans, it will be held from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at

either location must contact Mr. Tim Bidwill by telephone only at (202) 523–8217 no later than 5:00 p.m., September 4, 1998. No requests will be accepted before 9:00 a.m. (EST), the day this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Callers must specify which day they wish to speak. Callers will then be asked to provide name, organization (if applicable), address, and daytime telephone number. Call-backs from staff may be required. No requests will be accepted via mail, facsimile, e-mail, or voice mail. A waiting list will be compiled once the allotted number of slots becomes filled. Oral presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. If this is not enough time to complete comments, please restrict to three minutes a summary of your comments and bring a typed copy of full comments to file with the Commission. Persons speaking at a forum are requested, but not required, to supply twenty (20) copies of their written statements to the registration desk prior to the public comment period. Members of the public, on the waiting list or otherwise, are always invited to send written comments to the Commission at any time. However, if individuals wish to have their written comments placed into the official record of the meeting, the Commission must receive them by October 1, 1998. Each speaker is kindly asked to be prepared prior to their presentation; to refrain from any use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene signage; to refrain from making any comments or disrupting sounds during the presentation of another speaker; and to remain seated. If visual aids are necessary during the course of a speaker's presentation, each speaker is responsible for providing the equipment to run the visual aid. A complete list of guidelines is available on the Commission's web site: [www.ngisc.gov](http://www.ngisc.gov).

**Tim Bidwill,**

*Special Assistant to the Chairman.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Public Workshop To Develop Improvements to the Performance Assessment and Regulatory Oversight Processes

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public workshop to develop improvements to

the performance assessment and regulatory oversight processes. These meetings are open to the public and all interested parties may attend and participate.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held from September 28 through October 1, 1998. The workshop will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 28 through September 30, 1998. On October 1, 1998, the workshop will again start at 8:00 a.m., and is scheduled to conclude at 2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda MD 20814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy J. Frye at 301-415-1287 or David L. Gamberoni at 301-415-1144, Mail Stop: O-5H4, Inspection Program Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In September 1997, the NRC began an integrated review of the assessment processes (IRAP) used for commercial nuclear power plant licensees. A cross-disciplinary team of NRC staff members was assembled to identify and evaluate potential improvements to the process used by the NRC to assess licensee performance. A process re-engineering approach was taken by the team to identify the desired objectives of a new assessment process, the attributes it should possess, and criteria to measure improvement over the existing assessment processes.

The team developed a conceptual design for a new integrated assessment process and presented it to the NRC Commissioners in Commission paper SECY-98-045, dated March 9, 1998. On April 2, 1998, the staff briefed the Commission on the concepts as discussed in the paper. On June 30, 1998, the Commission issued a staff requirements memorandum (SRM) in response to SECY-98-045, approving the staff's request to solicit public comment on the concepts presented in the Commission paper.

The NRC issued (1) background material on the concept developed for a new integrated assessment process and (2) other assessment tools such as trending methodology, financial indicators, and risk-informed assessment guidance in the report "Concepts Developed by the Integrated Review of Assessment Process for Commercial Nuclear Power Plants," dated July 29, 1998. On August 7, 1998, the NRC issued a **Federal Register**

Notice announcing a 60-day public comment period to solicit public comment on possible changes to the NRC's assessment and regulatory oversight processes.

In parallel with staff work on the IRAP and the development of other assessment tools, the industry has independently developed a proposal for a new assessment and regulatory oversight process. This proposal would take a risk-informed, performance-based approach to the inspection, assessment, and enforcement of licensee activities based on the results of a set of performance indicators. This proposal, which is being developed by the Nuclear Energy Institute, is further described in "Minutes of the July 28, 1998, Meeting With the Nuclear Energy Institute to Discuss Performance Indicators and Performance Assessment," dated July 30, 1998.

##### Scope of the Public Workshops

The NRC will hold a four day workshop to develop improvements to the licensee performance assessment and regulatory oversight processes. As background information, concepts previously developed by the NRC and the industry for improving the performance assessment and regulatory oversight processes will be discussed. At the workshop, the NRC will present a framework that links various regulatory oversight activities, such as inspection and assessment, to the overall objective of the agency and the industry, which is to ensure the adequate protection of public health and safety.

Several fundamental issues will then be discussed in order to develop the attributes that a new process must meet. These fundamental issues will be discussed in focused breakout sessions and grouped by the following topics: (1) general policy issues involving safety performance expectations and regulatory oversight; (2) the use of risk insights in the assessment process; (3) the use of performance indicators and their integration with inspection results; and (4) the role of enforcement in regulatory oversight/range of NRC actions/communication of assessment results.

The attributes that result from the discussion of these fundamental issues will then be used by the workshop participants to develop the specific details for improvements to the performance assessment and regulatory oversight processes. This development activity will again occur in focused breakout sessions, with each group focused on the development of one aspect of the new process.

##### Workshop Pre-Registration

Attendees at the workshop are requested to pre-register with the NRC approximately three weeks before the workshop. In order to pre-register, please give your utility or group affiliation, list the names of the people planning to attend, and indicate which of the fundamental issue breakout sessions that members of your group are interested in participating. Attendees may pre-register in any of the following ways:

(1) Contact via e-Mail either Timothy J. Frye at TJF@NRC.GOV, or David L. Gamberoni at DLG2@NRC.GOV, or

(2) Submit the pre-registration information to either Timothy J. Frye or David L. Gamberoni via fax at 301-415-3707, or

(3) Send written pre-registration data to: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attn: Timothy J. Frye, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop O-5H4, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Bethesda Marriott for the use of the workshop participants. These rooms will be available until September 9, 1998, and should be reserved by contacting the hotel at 301-897-9400 and requesting a room in the "NRC" block. After September 9, 1998, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Frank P. Gillespie,**

*Director, Division of Inspection & Support Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

#### I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and