

believes that risk management concepts may represent a logical evolution from the risk-informed, performance-based philosophy that has governed many NRC regulatory activities for more than a decade and may be particularly effective in addressing the challenges that the NRC faces in the years to come. Risk management concepts and approaches vary, but generally include the following:

- Identification and framing of the issue
- Identification of options
- Analysis
- Deliberation for integrated decisionmaking
- Implementation
- Performance monitoring and feedback.

Risk management allows for various approaches to consideration of risk in decisionmaking, including both quantitative and qualitative tools, which is essential in the broad range of NRC regulatory programs. It may also provide program managers with a more systematic approach to resource allocation, whether in budget formulation, response to events or licensing decisions.

IV. The Role of Stakeholder Input

This effort could not be successful without meaningful stakeholder input. The task force is soliciting the views of both internal and external stakeholders to assist them in developing sound and effective long-term strategies. The process of interaction with internal stakeholders is ongoing. However, this **Federal Register** notice is intended to solicit the views of external stakeholders on the options and specific actions that the NRC might undertake in moving toward a more comprehensive and holistic risk management approach for its regulatory programs.

The task force is seeking stakeholder input on the following questions to assist in its work. The task force will use the comments received to inform its deliberations, and its report will address the key issues raised in the comments which are relevant to task force activities. However, the task force does not plan to prepare a detailed response to individual comments or prepare an analysis of comments.

1. Do you believe there is a common understanding and usage of the terms risk-informed, performance-based, and defense-in-depth within the NRC, industry, and other stakeholders? Which terms are especially unclear?

2. What are the relevant lessons learned from the previous successful and unsuccessful risk-informed and performance-based initiatives?

3. What are the relevant lessons learned from the previous successful and unsuccessful deterministic regulatory actions?

4. What are the key characteristics for a holistic risk management regulatory structure for reactors, materials, waste, fuel cycle, and security?

5. Should the traditional deterministic approaches be integrated into a risk management regulatory structure? If so, how?

6. What are the challenges in accomplishing the goal of a holistic risk management regulatory structure? How could these challenges be overcome?

7. What is a reasonable time period for a transition to a risk management regulatory structure?

8. From your perspective, what particular areas or issues might benefit the most by transitioning to a risk management regulatory approach?

V. Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This survey contains information collections that are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). These information collections were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval number 3150-0197, which expires August 31, 2012.

The burden to the public for these voluntary information collections is estimated to be 2 hours per response. The information gathered will be used to incorporate risk management concepts into NRC's regulatory programs. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to the Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail to INFOCOLLECTS.RESOURCE@NRC.GOV; and to the Desk Officer, Chad Whiteman, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0197), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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The task force requests comments on these questions by January 6, 2012 to assist in its efforts.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November, 2011.

Christiana Lui,

Risk Management Task Force, Office of Commissioner Apostolakis.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of November 21, 2011

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 21, 2011.

Week of November 28, 2011—Tentative

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative)

- a. *U.S. Department of Energy* (High-Level Waste Repository), Docket No. 63-001-HLW; Staff Petition for the Commission to Exercise its Inherent Supervisory Authority to Review Board Orders Regarding Preservation of Licensing Support Network (LSN) Documents Collection, and Staff Request for Stay (Tentative).
- b. Final Rule: Requirements for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Nonpower Reactors (Research or Test Reactors) (RIN 3150-A125) (Tentative).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

9:30 a.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Tanny Santos, (301) 415-7270)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Thursday, December 1, 2011

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Small Business Programs (Public Meeting) (Contact: Barbara Williams, (301) 415-7388)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of December 5, 2011—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 5, 2011.

Week of December 12, 2011—Tentative

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

9 a.m. Briefing on NFPA 805 Fire Protection (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Alex Klein, (301) 415-2822)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of December 19, 2011—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 19, 2011.

Week of December 26, 2011—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 26, 2011.

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* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings, call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Rochelle Baval, (301) 415-1651.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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Dated: November 17, 2011.

Rochelle C. Baval,

Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY**President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of Science and Technology Policy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a conference call of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. The purpose of this conference call is to discuss PCAST's report on undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

DATES: The public conference call will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 (4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time (ET)). To receive the call-in information, attendees should register for the conference call on the PCAST Web site, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast> no later than 12 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, December 8, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information regarding the meeting agenda, time, and how to register for the meeting is available on the PCAST Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. Questions about the conference call should be directed to Dr. Deborah D. Stine, PCAST Executive Director, at dstine@ostp.eop.gov, (202) 456-6006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is an advisory group of the nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from inside the White House and from cabinet departments and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. PCAST is consulted about and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understandings from the domains of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. PCAST is administered by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House; and Dr. Eric S. Lander, President, Broad Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is scheduled to hold a conference call in open session on December 12, 2011 from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

During the conference call, PCAST will discuss its report on undergraduate STEM education. Additional information and the agenda, including any changes that arise, will be posted at the PCAST Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>.

Public Comments: It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on December 12, 2011 at a time specified in the meeting agenda posted on the PCAST Web site at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on PCAST's work, not for business marketing purposes.

Oral Comments: To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting, interested parties should register to speak at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>, no later than 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 8, 2011. Phone or email reservations to be considered for the public speaker list will not be accepted. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of 10 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, PCAST will randomly select speakers from among those who applied. Those not selected to present oral comments may always file written comments with the committee as described below.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, written comments should be submitted to PCAST no later than 12 p.m. Eastern Time on December 7, 2011, so that the comments may be made available to the PCAST members prior to the meeting for their consideration. Information regarding how to submit comments and documents to PCAST is available at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast> in the section entitled "Connect with PCAST."

Please note that because PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public