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NRC to Hold Public Meeting on Proposed Changes to Contested Hearings

Rockville, Md. – The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announces details on contested hearings public meeting. The [proposed rule](#) was issued for public comment on March 3:

What: NRC [virtual public meeting](#) to discuss proposed changes to the contested hearing process.

When: March 19, 2026, 1-3 p.m. Eastern time

How: The meeting will include NRC presentations and an opportunity for questions and answers; details on how to attend are included in the meeting notice. Comments on the proposed rule can be submitted through the federal government's rulemaking webpage at [regulations.gov](#) under Docket ID NRC-2025-1501. Details on how to submit comments are included in the rule; comments will be accepted through April 2.

Note: NRC will not be accepting comments during the meeting.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.