

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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## ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES STATE LIAISON OFFICERS ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS: NUCLEAR ENERGY INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION ACT LOCAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD BEST PRACTICES (STC-19-066)

**Purpose**: To inform States and Indian Tribes that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a *Federal Register Notice* (FRN) seeking public comment about the practices and operation of community advisory boards for nuclear power reactors undergoing decommissioning. The NRC staff is holding a public meeting to obtain public input.

**Background**: Section 108 of the <u>Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA)</u> requires the NRC to provide a report to Congress that identifies best practices for establishing and operating local community advisory boards to foster communication and information exchange between a licensee planning for and involved in decommissioning activities and members of the community that decommissioning activities may affect.

**Discussion**: The FRN was published in the *Federal Register* on September 27, 2019, (84 FR 51189) and is available at:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/09/27/2019-21012/stakeholder-input-on-bestpractices-for-establishment-and-operation-of-local-community-advisory. Information about submitting public comments is available in the FRN. The public comment period closes on November 15, 2019. The next planned meeting is being held on October 10, 2019, in Crystal River, Florida. Public meeting information associated with this initiative is available on the NRC NEIMA Section 108 web page at <u>https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html</u>. Details for public meetings are published to the NRC Public Meeting Notice System at <u>https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg</u> at least ten days before the meeting.

The NRC will be providing a report to Congress by June 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the evaluation of community advisory board best practices or this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-3340, the NEIMA Section 108 working group at <u>NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov</u>, or the individual named below:

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