



United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a public meeting. At the top, four men in suits are seated at a long table covered with a white tablecloth, facing an audience. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, seen from behind. A large screen is visible on the right side of the room. The image is overlaid with a dark blue diagonal graphic element that contains the text.

# NRC Public Meetings



## INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) holds approximately 800 public meetings per year to help the public understand the important work we do and why we do it. This brochure presents the NRC's public meeting policy and procedures that emphasize enhancement of public participation. Our current policy divides public meetings into three categories: observation, information, and comment gathering.

The information in this brochure applies only to NRC staff-sponsored meetings. This brochure will help you prepare to attend an NRC public meeting. It will also help you understand each meeting type, learn how you can participate, and provide examples of each meeting type.

**Where is there more information about the public meeting policy?**

<https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings.html>



## PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC MEETING



### Before the Meeting

The NRC Public Meeting Schedule, located on our website home page at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov), will provide the following information for an upcoming public meeting:

- location, date, and time
- summary of the meeting purpose
- links to any relevant documents
- how to participate by videoconference or teleconference
- meeting organizer name and contact information
- Meeting organizer and their contact information

#### Where can you find the NRC public meeting schedule?

Visit: <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>



Call: 1-800-397-4209

Email: [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov)

In general, meeting notices are posted at least 10 days in advance. Some public meetings may also be advertised in a *Federal Register* notice, press release, or local newspaper.

### On the Day of the Meeting

All visitors attending meetings at the NRC's White Flint North complex in Rockville, Maryland, are screened through metal detectors and their packages are x-rayed. All visitors aged 18 and older must present a picture ID, and register their name, organization, time, place, and purpose of their visit. Registered visitors are free to move about without an escort in the public spaces located on the first-floor lobby area.

Visitor vehicles are subject to inspection before being allowed into the NRC complex. Visitors must have prior approval, arranged by an NRC employee, to park inside the garage or outside visitor parking area. Permission to park in the NRC garage requires an NRC escort before driving into the garage and for the escort to accompany the visitor from the garage to the receptionist area for screening, registration, and badging.

**Have any questions about an upcoming meeting or need help attending?**

Please contact the staff member listed on the meeting notice.

Personal electronics (for example, cellular phones, computers, cameras) are allowed inside NRC public meetings if they are not a distraction to other participants. Taking photos or recording public meetings is permitted on a case-by-case basis, with the approval of the Director, Office of Public Affairs, or the Director, Division of Facilities and Security.

Signs, banners, posters, and displays not larger than 18"x18" are permitted at NRC meetings; however, they cannot be waved, held over one's head, or generally moved about in the meeting room because they are distracting to the participants and audience. Signs, banners, posters, and displays affixed to sticks, poles, and the like are not permitted in the meeting room.

The NRC is committed to providing an atmosphere of civility and inclusion. If your actions significantly impact someone else's ability to participate, the staff will take appropriate actions to restore a respectful environment.

### **After the Meeting**

The meeting facilitator will tell you how unanswered questions will be addressed. The meeting facilitator will also provide instructions for submitting feedback about the meeting. Meeting summaries are available online following the meeting.

**Want to view archived public meetings?**

Visit the website below!  
<https://video.nrc.gov/>

## THE THREE TYPES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

### Observation Meeting

The NRC staff uses these meetings to discuss regulatory and technical matters with one or more groups. By observing the meeting, you will better understand the regulatory issues and NRC actions. There will be a designated point during the meeting when you can talk with the NRC staff and ask questions. Examples of this meeting type include discussions about plant performance, license renewals, license amendments, and topical report reviews.

#### Who can participate in NRC public meetings?

- the public
- industry groups
- licensees
- vendors
- applicants
- potential applicants
- state, local, and tribal governments
- nongovernmental organizations



### Information Meeting with a Question and Answer Session

The NRC staff holds these meetings to share information with interested groups. The meeting is meant to help you understand the applicable regulatory issues and NRC actions. The NRC staff will give presentations and engage with you in discussions. These meetings are more informal than other types of meetings, so you have more time to interact with the NRC staff. The NRC staff strives to ensure sufficient time for the question and answer portion. Examples of this meeting type include town halls, roundtable discussions, and open house meetings.

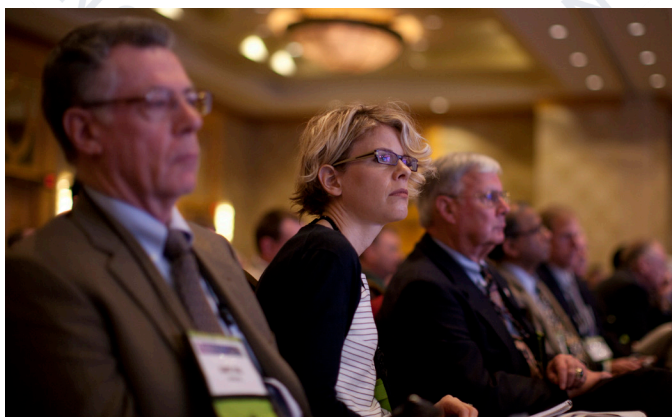


## Comment Gathering

The NRC holds comment gathering meetings to receive your feedback on regulatory issues and NRC actions. These meetings typically include presentations from the NRC staff on regulatory issues or actions. These meetings focus on getting your opinions, perspectives, and feedback. The NRC staff uses your feedback to support actions such as licensing or rulemaking activities. Examples of this meeting type include town halls, roundtable discussions, environmental impact statement scoping meetings, and workshops.

### What topics are discussed in NRC public meetings?

- a specific facility
- a certificate of compliance
- a license
- a license application
- an agency rulemaking



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