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Streamlining Contested Adjudications in Licensing Proceedings

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to hold a virtual-only public meeting to discuss the proposed revisions to the agency's rules of practice and procedure to streamline contested adjudications in NRC licensing proceedings.

DATES: The NRC plans to hold the virtual-only public meeting on March 19, 2026, during the 30-day public comment period. See section II, Public Meeting, of this document for more information on the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-1501 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-1501. Address questions about NRC dockets to Helen Chang; telephone: 301-415-3228; email: Helen.Chang@nrc.gov. For technical questions contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On March 3, 2026, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* for a 30-day public comment period (91 FR 10450). The proposed rule would revise the agency's rules of practice and procedure to streamline contested adjudications in NRC licensing proceedings in response to the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy Act of 2024 (ADVANCE Act) and Executive Order (E.O.) 14300, "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission." The proposed changes to the contested hearing process would reduce burden, increase clarity, and promote efficiencies in line with the deadlines established in accordance with the ADVANCE Act and E.O. 14300. The public comment period for the proposed rule will close on April 2, 2026.

II. Public Meeting

The NRC staff will hold a virtual-only public meeting on March 19, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET, during the planned 30-day comment period to present the proposed rule. At that time, stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification from the NRC staff. Please note that this public meeting is not an avenue for

submitting comments on the proposed rule. The proposed rule (91 FR 10450) includes instructions on how to submit comments.

Interested stakeholders may attend via telephone or online seminar. The public meeting will include a presentation of the contents of the proposed rule; and an opportunity for government agencies, organizations, and individuals to ask questions. No comments on the proposed rule will be accepted during the meeting.

Persons interested in attending this meeting should monitor the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule web page at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg> for additional information, agendas for the meeting, and access information for the meeting.

If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at a public meeting, please contact Dennis Andrukat, telephone: 301-415-3561, email: Dennis.Andrukat@nrc.gov.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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