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The American Nuclear Society (ANS), in coordination with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), announces a live online webinar for nuclear science bloggers on October 4, 2011, from 11 AM - 12 Noon Eastern Time. The webinar will be an unscripted question and answer session with NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko.

NRC Chairman Jaczko is participating in the session in order to broaden NRC outreach with the nuclear science social media community. A similar one-hour session will be held October 6 with representatives of organizations who are critical of and/or oppose nuclear energy.

Participants in the October 4 session will be able to submit questions ahead of time using a designated NRC email address: [BlogMtg1.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:BlogMtg1.Resource@nrc.gov). While Chairman Jaczko will likely be unable to answer all of the questions submitted in the time available, Eliot Brenner, Chief of NRC Public Affairs, said, "The agency will endeavor to address them online after the webinar via its blog at: <http://public-blog.nrc-gateway.gov/>."

Time will also be allocated to answering questions submitted by participants via an online form on the webinar website. Those without web access will be able to dial in to listen to the webinar via a toll-free telephone line, but will not be able to submit questions by phone.

The focus of the session will be on policy issues and the broad regulatory and safety objectives of the NRC. Questions which are most likely to be selected for the live session will be those that have broad public interest in terms of the NRC's mission.

"The NRC will answer any detailed technical questions about specific nuclear plant systems on its blog. Also, if we see a similar question submitted by several participants, we'll ask a composite question," Brenner said.

Laura Scheele, ANS Manager for Communications & Policy, said that the NRC session will be facilitated by Dan Yurman, a nuclear blogger, on behalf of ANS. He is a member of the American Nuclear Society and serves on the organization's Public Information Committee. Yurman will be on-site at NRC headquarters for the session.

Brenner added that the webinar would be archived as a podcast and available for download or online listening via the NRC website.

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