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Nuclear Regulatory Systems Conference in Cape Town 14-17 December 2009

The International Atomic Energy Agency will convene an international conference next week in Cape Town, South Africa to discuss various aspects related to nuclear regulatory systems. The *International Conference on Effective Nuclear Regulatory Systems*, to be held from 14 to 17 December 2009, is the second in a series of meetings that began in 2006 and brings together senior nuclear safety, radiation safety and security experts from around the world to discuss how to improve regulatory effectiveness to assure protection of the public and the environment. The meeting will help participants to review and assess the effectiveness of the global nuclear safety and security regime and to propose future actions to further enhance it.

Media representatives are welcome to attend all sessions of the four-day conference, which is organized by the IAEA and hosted by the Government of South Africa through the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) of South Africa. A press briefing will be held on the opening day of the Conference on Monday, 14 December at 19:00 in Meeting Room 3. Room 1.61.

The following representatives will be present during the briefing:

- Gregory B. Jazcko, Chairman of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission and President of the Conference;
- Guy Clapissou, acting CEO, National Nuclear Regulator (NNR);and



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- Tomihiro Taniguchi, IAEA Deputy Director General, Nuclear Safety and Security

Please note that all conference proceedings are open to journalists. However, members of the media are asked to refrain from participating in the sessions. Photographing and/or filming the proceedings is also prohibited.

Should you wish to attend the conference and/or press briefing, please apply for media accreditation to the NNR's Stakeholder Communications Manager -

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You can find further information on the conference at:

<http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Meetings/Announcements.asp?ConfID=35791>

NOTE TO EDITORS: For additional information visit the Press Section of the IAEA's website (<http://www.iaea.org/press>), or call the IAEA's Division of Public Information at (431) 2600-21270.

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The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) serves as the world's foremost intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical co-operation in the peaceful use of nuclear technology. Established as an autonomous organization under the United Nations (UN) in 1957, the IAEA carries out programmes to maximize the useful contribution of nuclear technology to society while verifying its peaceful use.

About the NNR

The NNR is South Africa's nuclear regulatory authority that is responsible for establishing nuclear safety standards and regulatory control over the safety of nuclear facilities and activities, radioactive waste, irradiated nuclear fuel, and the mining & processing of radioactive ores & minerals.