



# U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Licensee Performance Review (LPR)

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.

Erwin, Tennessee

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This is a category 1 meeting in which the public is invited to observe and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.

# Agenda

7:00 p.m.	Introduction	NRC NFS, Inc.
7:15 p.m.	Discussion of the Previous Licensee Performance Reviews (Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, Special Topics, and Safeguards)	NRC
7:30 p.m.	Discussion of Current Licensee Performance	NRC NFS, Inc.
8:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks	NRC



## *NRC Staff Presenters*

**Michael Weber, Director, Office of Nuclear  
Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)**

**Joseph Shea, Director, Division of Fuel  
Facility Inspection, R-II**



## ***NRC Key Messages***

- **NFS continues to maintain safety and security for its workers and the public**
- **NRC noted an improvement procedural compliance in this period**
- **NRC will continue enhanced oversight at NFS through inspection of Safety Culture**

## *Goal of the LPR*

**Perform a comprehensive review of a fuel cycle facility in the following Performance areas:**

- Safety Operations**
- Radiological Controls**
- Facility Support**
- Special Topics**
- Safeguards**

### *Results of the LPR*

- Provide a high level assessment of a fuel facility's performance
- Provide input for future inspection planning

## *How NRC conducts the LPR*

- **Performance information obtained from inspection and licensing staff**
- **Information from each Performance Area is assessed by all participants**



### *How NRC conducts the LPR (continued)*

- **Performance review**
  - **Performance Information presented/defended with supporting data**
  - **Agreement reached on overall performance assessed**
  - **Changes in the inspection program considered in response to performance trends**
  
- **Results communicated to licensee through a report and a public meeting**

## *Previous Performance*

*July 2007 to December 2007*

### *Areas Needing Improvement:*

- Management oversight to ensure adherence to operational, radiological protection, and engineering procedures
- Management oversight of planning and quality of licensing requests



## *Current Performance*

# Licensee Performance Review for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.

*January 1, 2008, to July 5, 2008*

# Safety Operations , Radiological Controls , Safeguards, Facility Support, and Special Topics

- Although isolated violations were identified, NO specific areas needing improvement were identified

### **NRC Inspections will be augmented with:**

- special safety culture improvement plan implementation inspections,
- a configuration control program implementation verification inspection, and
- potential operational readiness reviews of new processes [should they be licensed]



# *Closing Remarks*