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NRC SCHEDULES MEETINGS TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS TO FUEL CYCLE OVERSIGHT PROCESS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled three days of meetings for July 28-30 to discuss plans to revise the process used for oversight and inspection of nuclear fuel enrichment, processing and manufacturing facilities licensed by the NRC

The meetings, which are open to the public, are scheduled to run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, and Thursday, July 30. The meetings will be held in the NRC Region II office's Fuel Facility Inspection conference room, 23T140, which is located in the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street SW in Atlanta.

The NRC plans to develop a fuel cycle oversight process that is more risk informed and performance based. The objectives of these meetings are to discuss a revised process for evaluating regulatory performance and certain inputs into that process, such as cornerstone definitions, performance indicators, a significance determination process and what constitutes a licensee performance deficiency. The meetings will include NRC staff and industry representatives, and there will also be opportunities for members of the public to participate at designated points during the meeting.

"Our goal is to develop an oversight process with more objective results," said NRC Region II Division of Fuel Facility Inspection Director Joe Shea. "We want the public and the companies we regulate to have a voice as we develop the revised process."

Those wishing to attend the meeting are encouraged to contact the NRC's Jose Diaz at 404-562-4736 (jose.diaz@nrc.gov) by July 24. Interested individuals who are unable to attend can participate in the meeting by calling a toll-free teleconference bridge at 1-888-455-2605 and at the prompt, entering the password 28175#.

The meeting notice and agenda can be accessed through the NRC's public electronic reading room on the Internet at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The meeting notice can be accessed by entering ML091870092 when prompted.

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