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NRC SCHEDULES TWO MEETINGS ON APRIL 17 WITH GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL-AMERICAS IN WILMINGTON

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled two separate meetings with Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas LLC in Wilmington, N.C., for April 17 to discuss the facility's integrated safety analysis as well as the results of the NRC's performance review for the company's commercial nuclear fuel fabrication plant.

The first meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Global Nuclear Fuel facility, 3901 Castle Hayne Road in Wilmington. NRC and Global staff will discuss the status of the company's integrated safety analysis, or ISA, revision project. An ISA is a look at a facility's processes, equipment and employee actions to ensure that hazards have been evaluated and protective measures identified. The meeting will be open to members of the public and the news media. NRC staff members will be available following the business portion of the meeting to answer questions or provide additional information.

The second meeting is planned for 6 p.m. in the Azalea Coast Room A of the Student Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, which is located at 601 South College Road. NRC staff will discuss the agency's assessment of the company's regulatory safety performance from January 2011 to December 2012. That meeting will also be open to the public and media, and NRC staff members will again be available to answer questions or provide additional information.

The NRC staff assessed performance at the Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas in the areas of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support and special topics. The NRC staff review determined that Global continues to conduct its activities safely and securely, protecting public health and the environment.

"The NRC inspects nuclear fuel facilities such as Global and monitors their performance on an ongoing basis," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "We issue inspection reports and hold these meetings near each facility to discuss our oversight and answer any questions local residents may have."

The NRC <u>review letter</u> for the Global facility is available on the NRC website.

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