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NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Safety Performance of Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting for May 7 to discuss the results of an NRC regulatory safety performance review of the Westinghouse nuclear fuel fabrication facility in Columbia, S.C.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the South Carolina State Museum's Gervais Street Room, 301 Gervais St. in Columbia. The public can observe the meeting and the NRC staff will be available to answer questions or provide additional information following the formal presentations.

The NRC review concluded that the facility operated safely in 2018. The review evaluated the areas of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support, safeguards and other areas, identifying no areas requiring improvement. However, the facility remains under increased inspection and oversight due to a Confirmatory Order issued in 2017 following a safety-significant event related to an unexpected accumulation of uranium found in a process scrubber.

The NRC plans to conduct the core inspection program for nuclear fuel facilities of this type during the current review period, which ends Dec. 31, 2020.

The [NRC letter](#) discussing the licensee performance review for the Westinghouse facility is available on the NRC [website](#).