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NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING MARCH 21 ON HONEYWELL URANIUM PROCESSING PLANT PERFORMANCE

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with management of the Honeywell Specialty Chemicals company on Wednesday, March 21, to discuss details of a recent NRC review of safety performance at the company's uranium processing plant near Metropolis, Il.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. (CDT) in the Metropolis Community Center, located at 516 Superman Square. The meeting is open to the public for observation, and NRC personnel will be available to answer questions from interested observers after the business portion of the meeting but before it is adjourned.

NRC officials said in a Feb. 23 report to the company that Honeywell safely conducted licensed activities during the review period from Dec.10, 2005, to Dec. 22, 2006.

However, the NRC will continue heightened oversight of the plant's licensed operations, with special emphasis primarily in the areas of plant operations and management organization and controls. The NRC will also continue close scrutiny of the plant's corrective action program and efforts to bring about a safety culture with a disciplined approach to development of, and adherence to, plant procedures. In addition, the agency will continue to closely monitor the plant's implementation of its long-term improvement plan.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Feb. 23 NRC report by contacting the NRC Public Document Room toll free in Washington, D. C. at 1-800-397-4209, or from the NRC internet web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (public electronic reading room) and type in accession number ML070580121.

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