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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO DISCUSS FINDINGS OF INSPECTION INTO DEC. 9 FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH URANIUM PLANT

## THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED BECAUSE OF SEVERE WEATHER

The planned meeting on January 8 between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and U. S. Enrichment Corporation officials in Piketon, Ohio, has been cancelled because of severe weather conditions.

The meeting was to discuss the preliminary findings of an NRC review of a December 9 fire at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The meeting was previously announced in News Announcement RIII-99-01, issued January 4.

The plant, which processes uranium for use as fuel for nuclear power plants, is located at Piketon, Ohio.

A news announcement will be issued when the meeting is rescheduled later this month.

The fire occurred in the portion of the plant which removes extraneous gases from the processing system.

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