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NRC TO MEET WITH COMPANY TO DISCUSS CLEANUP OF LAKEHURST, N.J., SITE

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Heritage Minerals, Inc., on Tuesday, April 23, to discuss the status of cleanup efforts at the Heritage Minerals site in Lakehurst, N.J. Specifically, there will be a review of the company's responses to a March 2002 confirmatory survey of remaining radioactivity at the site, as well as a discussion of any additional required remediation work.

The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., will be held in the Public Meeting Room at the NRC Region I office, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pa. It will be open to the public for observation.

The site, located off Route 70, had been used for mining and processing local monazite ores to extract heavy minerals. ASARCO, Inc., began operation at the site in 1973, followed by Heritage Minerals, which ceased processing operations in August 1990. The processing of the ores resulted in a waste pile containing natural thorium and uranium in sufficient quantities to require an NRC license.

Heritage Minerals has now removed the waste pile and is in the process of checking the site for any remaining radioactivity.

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