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NRC TO MEET WITH U. S. ENRICHMENT CORPORATION TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled a meeting with officials of the United States Enrichment Corporation in Paducah, Ky., on Monday, Dec. 13, to discuss the NRC's latest review of performance at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. (EST) at the Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, located at 2000 McCracken Boulevard in Paducah. Interested members of the public can attend and observe the discussion, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions or make comments to the NRC staff after the business portion but before the meeting is adjourned.

"These meetings give NRC officials a chance to discuss with the company the overall performance at the plant and any concerns we might have," said NRC Fuel Facility Branch Chief Jay Henson.

The NRC assessment is called a Licensee Performance Review and covers the period from January 1, 2003, to September 25, 2004.

The NRC staff evaluated performance at the Paducah plant in four major areas: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support and Special Topics. The NRC said the review determined that the Paducah plant continued to conduct its activities safely, and the agency will discuss details of the review with company officials at the meeting.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the results of the review from the NRC by writing, calling, or emailing the NRC Region II Office of Public Affairs in Atlanta using the contact information listed above.

Immediately following the NRC performance review, a second meeting is scheduled at the same location to discuss the company's efforts in ensuring a safety conscious work environment at the Paducah facility and at a similar plant near Portsmouth, Ohio. The public is also invited to this meeting and will have an opportunity to talk with the NRC staff after the business portion but before the meeting is adjourned.

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