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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON FEB. 28 IN ERWIN, TENN. TO REVIEW NFS SAFETY PERFORMANCE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting in Erwin, Tenn., on Feb. 28 to discuss regulatory safety performance at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., facility for the last five months of 2007.

The meeting will be held in the NFS Training Center at 6:30 p.m. (EST). The training center is located in Erwin on the Jackson Love Highway near Exit 15 on Interstate 181.

NRC officials said the meeting will involve a review of the NFS regulatory safety performance for a period from July 29 through Dec. 31, 2007.

In a letter to NFS dated Jan. 30, 2008, NRC officials said the company continued to maintain safety and security for its workers and the public during the period of review. However, the NRC noted an upward trend in the number of procedural violations identified during the review period, citing eight violations in a five-month period, which the agency said "appears to be an indicator of declining regulatory performance in the area."

The NRC will also discuss NFS' management oversight of planning and quality of licensing requests as another program area needing improvement.

NRC officials will tell NFS management that the agency will continue to monitor plant performance through enhanced oversight activities beyond normal inspection efforts and will conduct the next Licensee Performance Review in approximately six months.

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