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Comment period for Westinghouse plant extended

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The public comment period regarding proposed clean-up operations at the Westinghouse Electric Co. plant in Hematite has been extended until Jan. 18, according to company spokesman Kevin Hayes.

The original comment period was slated to expire in November, but was extended at the request of the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The 228-acre facility was used for decades to process nuclear fuel assemblies, and was closed permanently after being purchased by Westinghouse in 2001.

Westinghouse has performed two engineering studies to focus on several removal options concerning contaminated soil and buildings from the plant. Westinghouse is recommending that 1,100 metric tons of uranium-contaminated soil and several buildings be excavated and demolished before being sent off-site.

A meeting to discuss the clean-up will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 at the First Christian Church of Hematite. Representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Westinghouse, the county health department and the DNR will be available for questions.

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