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## **NRC RESCHEDULES NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES MEETING ON PROPOSED NEW LINE FOR JULY 22**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday, July 22, to discuss the results of a readiness review inspection at Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS). The inspection is related to the Erwin, Tenn., facility's license amendment authorizing a new commercial development line for uranium hexafluoride conversion.

The meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. at the NFS Training Center, located at 1650 Jackson Love Highway in Erwin. The NRC staff will discuss the results of the inspection and be available to answer questions about the review and NRC oversight of the new line.

The original meeting was postponed after NRC inspectors identified additional technical issues that required more time than originally anticipated to complete the inspection and review.

The NFS license amendment for the new line requires a review to verify that preparations are complete and adequate before the company can begin operation of that process. The line will convert uranium hexafluoride into either uranium oxide or uranyl nitrate. Those compounds would then be either transferred to the applicable NFS customer or used in other NFS lines to process fuel for commercial nuclear use.

The new line was authorized by the NRC on May 11 in the form of a license amendment. An Environmental Assessment prepared in conjunction with the license amendment concluded that the new line would not have a significant impact on the environment. The company will not be allowed to operate the new line until it meets all NRC requirements.

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