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## **GE shows off nuclear technology at UNCW**

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Members of the public got to see how uranium enrichment works Wednesday as GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy held a workshop on the campus of the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

GE Hitachi and its subsidiary, Global Laser Enrichment LLC (GLE), have applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build and operate a large-scale commercial uranium enrichment plant on their Castle Hayne campus.

GE Hitachi previously has held presentations with its neighbors on the plant and the company's mission here, said Tammy Orr, chief executive of GLE.

For a broader audience, the workshop was divided into segments that are easier for the public to understand, she said.

The public could roam freely among several exhibits and company representatives, including Orr, were on hand to answer questions.

The exhibits and information were divided into six tables comprising the company's "commitment to the community; the role nuclear energy plays today; a deeper dive into the uranium life cycle; our commitment to the environment; licensing milestones; and jobs and job opportunities," Orr said.

GE Hitachi in January filed its environmental report with the NRC for its 40-year license to operate the new-technology uranium enrichment plant.

The NRC is holding two meetings Tuesday at UNCW to allow the public to comment on that report.

Those meetings are in Ballroom 1 of UNCW's Warwick Center and run from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. with NRC officials speaking with the public informally an hour before the meetings.

Former Gov. Mike Easley announced last summer that GE Hitachi would receive about \$25.7 million in state incentives over 10 years if the company invests up to \$900 million in the plant and hires hundreds of workers. New Hanover County also is providing \$10 million in incentives spread over 12 years.

GE Hitachi hoped to explain "how we chose the site, the shape of the site, what type of surveys were done -- environmental, geological, transportation -- how the process actually works," Al Kennedy, licensing manager GLE said Wednesday, in advance of the workshop.

"This process is a public process," Orr said Wednesday. "We want to be a key part of (seeing that) the public understands.

Change is always interesting. It is important that as change occurs that people understand and have the correct information."