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NRC TO PRESENT RESULTS OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AT B&W NUCLEAR OPERATIONS GROUP IN LYNCHBURG

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with management of Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Operations Group, Inc. in Lynchburg, Va., on Monday, Sept. 28 to discuss the results of a licensee performance review for the Lynchburg facility.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. EDT at the Lynchburg City Hall Council Chambers, 900 Church St., Lynchburg. The meeting will be open to members of the public and the news media. NRC officials will be available during the meeting to answer questions from those in attendance.

The NRC staff assessed performance at B&W Nuclear Operations Group during a period beginning June 22, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, in the areas of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support and special topics. Security was also assessed, but that area will not be discussed publicly due to the sensitive nature of the information. The NRC staff review determined that B&W continued to conduct its activities safely and securely, protecting public health and the environment.

The NRC found no areas needing improvement during the performance review period. However, the circumstances surrounding an emergency declaration of an Alert at the plant in July, which prompted an NRC special inspection, could lead to additional regulatory actions. An Alert is the lowest NRC emergency category for nuclear fuel facilities.

“The NRC inspects and reviews performance at B&W and at each of the nation’s other licensed nuclear facilities,” said Luis Reyes, administrator of the NRC Region II office in Atlanta. “This meeting allows us to discuss the company’s safety performance with their officials and the residents in the area.”

A copy of the NRC letter detailing the review is publicly available online in the NRC’s Agency-wide Document Access and Management System, www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The ML number is ML092400346.

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