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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH USEC TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled a meeting with officials of the United States Enrichment Corporation in Paducah, Ky., on Tuesday, May 10 to discuss the NRC's latest review of regulatory safety performance at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. CST in the meeting room of the McCracken County Library, 555 Washington St., in Paducah. Members of the public can attend and observe the discussion, and will have an opportunity to ask questions or make comments to the NRC staff after the business portion of the meeting.

The NRC's evaluation of Paducah is called a Licensee Performance Review and covers the period of operation from Oct. 4, 2008 to Dec 31, 2010.

The NRC staff evaluated performance at the Paducah plant in five major areas: Safety Operations, Safeguards, Radiological Controls, Facility Support and Special Topics. NRC officials said the review determined that the Paducah plant continued to conduct its activities in a safe manner, and the agency found no areas needing improvement. NRC inspection of the facility will continue at its current level during the next 24-month review period.

However, the NRC issued three Confirmatory Orders during the assessment period, related in part to enhancements to the plant's safety conscious work environment. NRC officials said that, although the orders addressed issues that occurred before the assessment period, the agency will review the effectiveness of their implementation as a part of the core inspection program.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the results of the review from the NRC Region II Office or from the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The access number for the review is ML110660550.

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