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NRC TO DISCUSS NFS PERFORMANCE AT PUBLIC MEETING IN ERWIN

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with the management of Nuclear Fuel Services in Erwin, Tenn., on April 29 to discuss the results of the company's annual licensee performance review.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room on the second floor of the Unicoi County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St. in Erwin. The meeting will be open to members of the public and the news media. NRC officials will provide a brief presentation on the company's performance, followed by a response from NFS management. NRC officials will then be available to answer questions about the agency's oversight and inspection of the facility.

The NRC staff assessed performance at NFS during a period beginning Jan. 1, 2012, and ending Dec. 31, 2012, in the areas of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support and special topics, and those evaluations will form the basis of the meeting discussion. The area of safeguards 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 NFS conducted its activities safely and securely, protecting the public, workers and the environment.

The NRC will be conducting its core inspection program at NFS this year, along with some additional inspections to confirm that the company is complying with the requirements of the 2010 confirmatory order, focusing on the facility's corrective action program and its safety culture assessment.

"The NRC inspects nuclear fuel facilities such as NFS and monitors their performance on an ongoing basis," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "We issue inspection reports and hold these meetings near each facility to discuss our oversight and answer any questions local residents may have."

A copy of the NRC [review](#) of NFS is available online at the NRC website.

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