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NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Seismic Plan at Westinghouse Fuel Facility

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Monday, Feb. 24 to discuss the Westinghouse Fuel Facility's modified plans for withstanding earthquakes.

The Westinghouse facility, which fabricates fuel assemblies for commercial power reactors using low-enriched uranium dioxide, is located near Columbia, S.C.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. EST in the NRC's Region II office at 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE in Atlanta. The meeting will be open to the public and NRC officials will be available after the meeting to answer any questions. Anyone interested in attending the meeting or participating by telephone should contact the NRC's Patricia Glenn at 404-997-4442 or via email at Patricia.Glenn@nrc.gov.

At the meeting, Westinghouse officials will provide the results of the facility's Seismic Improvement Plan. Following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Fukushima, Japan, NRC encouraged all nuclear fuel facilities to re-analyze their ability to withstand a significant seismic event.