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NRC TO MEET WITH U. S. ENRICHMENT CORPORATION OFFICIALS NOVEMBER 9 TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with officials of the United States Enrichment Corporation in Piketon, Ohio, on Tuesday, Nov. 9, to discuss the NRC's latest review of performance at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. (EST) at the Ohio State University South Centers, located at 1864 Shyville Road in Piketon. The meeting will be open, and interested members of the public are invited to attend to observe. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make comments to the NRC staff after the business portion of the meeting but before the meeting is adjourned.

The NRC action is called a Licensee Performance Review and covers a period from Oct. 1, 2002, through Aug. 7, 2004.

The NRC staff evaluated performance at the Portsmouth plant in four major areas: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support and Special Topics. The NRC said Portsmouth continued to conduct its activities safely, as determined during the review. The agency said in a Sept. 22 letter to the company however, that "implementation of radiation protection program requirements was an area identified as needing improvement" and that the company "needs to continue to focus upon adherence to procedures" regarding the conduct of operations and maintenance activities and implementation of its corrective action program.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the letter and its enclosure, from the NRC to the licensee concerning the performance review, by writing, calling, or e-mailing the NRC Region II office of public affairs in Atlanta at the addresses listed above.

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