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NRC To Hold Public Plant Status Meeting With Westinghouse

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting with officials of Westinghouse Electric Co., to discuss the company's progress in complying with an NRC confirmatory order following a 2016 event at the company's Columbia, S.C., fuel fabrication facility.

In May 2016, plant employees discovered an unexpected accumulation of uranium-bearing material in a scrubber system designed to remove such material from a number of plant processes. NRC inspections identified several violations of agency requirements, which were the subject of an Alternative Dispute Resolution session. The session with a third-party mediator prompted the issuance of the confirmatory order last August, which called for the company to take a number of corrective actions.

The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 6, at 10 a.m., in the NRC's Region II Offices, at 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE, in Atlanta.

At the meeting, Westinghouse officials will outline the actions the company has taken to comply with the confirmatory order and areas identified by the NRC as needing improvement.

NRC staff will be available after the business portion of the meeting to answer questions from members of the public and the media. Those preferring to listen via a toll-free teleconference line should contact the NRC's Thomas Vukovsky by Feb. 2 at 404-997-4622 or by email at Thomas.Vukovsky@nrc.gov.