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NRC PLANS PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH FUEL CYCLE LICENSEES

The NRC staff is planning a series of public meetings with fuel cycle licensees to discuss acceptance criteria to be included in a Standard Review Plan (SRP) applicable to applications for licenses to process enriched uranium for the manufacture of reactor fuel.

A Standard Review Plan is under development by the staff and will be used to determine if an application meets specific regulatory requirements. Within the SRP will be a separate section which will include criteria for determining the acceptability of the design or programs addressing each topic-area chapter of the SRP.

All of the meetings, which will be held on November 1, 8 and 9 and 15 and 16, will be at the NRC's Headquarters at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland. On November 1, 8 and 15, the meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and are expected to end by 5:00 p.m. The November 9 and 16 meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 5:00 p.m.

Specific topics to be discussed are:

- November 1 -- a.m., fire protection; p.m., emergency preparedness;
- November 8 -- a.m., decommissioning; p.m., waste management;
- November 9 -- a.m., environmental protection; p.m., radiation protection;
- November 15 -- a.m., organization, management control and oversight; p.m., quality assurance;
- November 16 -- nuclear criticality safety.

Persons interested in attending the meetings are asked to provide advance notification to Ms. Joan Higdon of the NRC staff by telephone (301/504-2477) or fax (301/504-2474). Written comments can be sent to Ms. Higdon, Regulatory and International Safeguards Branch, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Copies of all materials to be used by the NRC staff at the meetings will be placed in the Commission's Public Document Room located at 2120 L Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C.

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