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NRC Schedules Webinar to Discuss Safety Performance of BWX Technologies Nuclear Fuel Facility

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a webinar for April 30 to discuss the agency's performance review of the BWX Technologies Nuclear Fuel Facility in Lynchburg, Va.

The webinar is scheduled to run from 3-4 p.m. with NRC employees responsible for plant oversight and inspections participating from the NRC Region II office in Atlanta and BWXT officials participating from Lynchburg. The meeting will be accessible by the public and the media with NRC officials available to answer questions following the formal presentation.

The NRC assessed performance at the BWXT facility for the period beginning Jan. 1, 2017, and ending Dec. 31, 2018, in the categories of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support, and other areas. The NRC also assessed security, which will not be discussed during the webinar due to the sensitive nature of the information.

During the assessment period, the NRC increased oversight and inspection of the facility following the discovery of unidentified accumulation of material in a ventilation system. An NRC inspection in December 2018 found that most corrective actions for the event had been completed and no new issues were identified.

The staff review determined that BWXT continued to conduct its activities safely and securely. The NRC review found that none of the program areas at BWXT needed improvement, thus the agency will continue the normal inspection program for NRC-licensed nuclear fuel facilities of this type.

A copy of the <u>NRC letter</u> to the company regarding the performance review is available on the <u>NRC website</u>. For information on how to access the webinar, see signup information in the <u>meeting notice</u> or go to the meeting registration <u>website</u>.