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NRC Announces Opportunity to Request a Hearing on Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility License Application

Rockville, MD. — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [announced](#) the opportunity to request a hearing on an application from Global Laser Enrichment LLC for a license to construct and operate the proposed Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility in McCracken County, Kentucky.

In a notice and [order](#) approved by the Commission, the NRC established milestones for an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to conduct adjudicatory proceedings on the application.

Anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license and who wishes to participate as a party in an adjudicatory hearing on the application must file a petition to intervene within 60 days of when the notice and order is published in the Federal Register. Details on the hearing process and filing requirements are contained in the notice and order, which will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

The NRC [accepted](#) the license application for review on Aug. 4, 2025. Accepting a license application for review is not an indication of whether the NRC will approve the license application.

Global Laser Enrichment seeks a license to construct and operate a facility that uses laser technology to enrich uranium. The proposed facility would be authorized to enrich natural uranium and re-enrich depleted uranium from previous enrichment operations.

The NRC is preparing a safety evaluation report and an environmental impact statement as part of its review. The agency previously published a [notice](#) to conduct a scoping process to prepare an environmental impact statement. No licensing decision has been made.

Additional information on [the hearing process](#) and [fuel cycle facility licensing](#) is available on the NRC website.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.