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NRC STAFF PLANS DISCUSSION OF PLANT PERFORMANCE AT ABB COMBUSTION ENGINEERING FUEL PLANT IN HEMATITE, MISSOURI

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a meeting with officials of the ABB Combustion Engineering, Inc., commercial nuclear fuel facility in Hematite, Missouri, at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Thursday, May 2, to discuss the plant's performance in the safety and safeguards program areas and current operations.

NRC officials will discuss with ABB Combustion Engineering a Plant Performance Review performed by the agency in which performance in ten functional areas was reviewed for a period from January 1994 through December 1995.

The NRC review concludes that "overall the facility operations were conducted safely" but that additional management attention is needed to improve the self-assessment program, the reporting of information to NRC, communication between the site and corporate office, and the use and quality of procedures.

The meeting is open to interested members of the public and the news media for purposes of observation.

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(Note: A copy of the full report may be obtained from the Region III Office of Public Affairs at the telephone numbers or e-mail address above.)