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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING MAY 12 IN PADUCAH TO DISCUSS RECERTIFICATION OF USEC ENRICHMENT PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting May 12 to receive public comment on an application by USEC, Inc., for recertification of its gaseous diffusion uranium enrichment plant in Paducah, Ky.

The meeting will be held at the McCracken County Public Library, 555 Washington St., in Paducah, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. NRC staff will hold an open house an hour before the meeting to give members of the public an opportunity to speak informally with staff members.

USEC submitted applications April 10 for recertification of its gaseous diffusion enrichment plants in both Paducah and Portsmouth, Ohio. Certification of the plants is required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, which created USEC. A certification is issued only if the plant is in compliance with safety, safeguards and security regulations established by the NRC for these facilities. Certifications are valid for five years; the current certification for each plant expires Dec. 31, 2008. A public meeting on recertification of the Portsmouth plant is planned for later this spring.

Individuals wishing to present comments during the May 12 meeting are asked to register in advance by contacting Michael Raddatz at (800) 368-5642, ext. 492-3108, or by e-mail at Michael.Raddatz@nrc.gov.

Comments will also be accepted in writing for 30 days following publication of a notice in the *Federal Register*, expected shortly. Comments should be mailed to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

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