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NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO REVIEW PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT LINE AT NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday, June 17, to discuss the results of a readiness review inspection at Nuclear Fuel Services. The inspection is related to the Erwin, Tenn., facility's license amendment authorizing a new commercial development line.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at the NFS Training Center, located at 1650 Jackson Love Highway in Erwin. The NRC staff will discuss the preliminary results of an operational readiness review inspection. The NFS license amendment requires a review to verify that preparations are complete and adequate before the company can launch the new process line. The line will convert uranium hexafluoride into either uranium oxide or uranyl nitrate. Those compounds would then be either transferred to the applicable NFS customer or used in other NFS lines to process fuel for commercial nuclear use.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and will have opportunities before and after the session to ask questions and receive more information from NRC staff.

The new line was authorized by the NRC on May 11 in the form of a license amendment. An Environmental Assessment prepared in conjunction with the license amendment concluded that the new line would not have a significant impact on the environment. The company will not be allowed to operate the new line until it meets all NRC requirements.

More information on the meeting can be accessed through the NRC's public electronic reading room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The meeting notice can be accessed by entering ML091560379 when prompted.

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