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NRC STAFF SCHEDULES ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA WITH WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR FUEL PLANT OFFICIALS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a predecisional enforcement conference in Atlanta on Friday, Sept. 24 to discuss with officials of the Westinghouse commercial nuclear fuel plant in Columbia, S.C., apparent violations of NRC requirements associated with the overflow in January of a quantity of uranium-bearing wastewater.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. (EDT) at the NRC Region II office, located in the Marquis One Tower, 245 Peachtree Center Ave., N.E., Suite 1200, in Atlanta. The meeting will be open to the public, and NRC officials will be available to answer questions at the conclusion of the conference.

NRC inspectors reviewed the circumstances surrounding a January event which resulted in about 200 gallons of uranium-bearing, ammoniated wastewater overflowing into a diked area inside the plant.

In addition, NRC inspectors found that plant workers failed to properly identify and respond to an earlier alarm, which was not deactivated until after the wastewater overflowed.

The NRC inspection of the incident resulted in the identification of seven apparent violations. No decision on enforcement action will be made at the meeting. NRC officials will review information presented by Westinghouse at the meeting and reach a decision on appropriate regulatory action at a later date.

The NRC inspection report detailing the incident and the apparent violations is available at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html. The number to access the inspection report is ML102240532.

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