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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS PROGRAMS AT THE WESTINGHOUSE FUEL FACILITY IN COLUMBIA

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013 to discuss ongoing programs of interest at the Westinghouse Fuel Facility, which is located near Columbia, S.C.

The Westinghouse facility fabricates fuel assemblies for commercial power reactors using low-enriched uranium dioxide.

The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. EST in the NRC's Region II office at 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE, in Atlanta.

At the meeting, Westinghouse officials will discuss the facility's seismic program, including the results of an independent consultant's review of how the plant would respond to an earthquake. NRC encouraged all nuclear fuel facilities to re-analyze their ability to withstand a significant seismic event following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Fukushima, Japan.

Westinghouse will also discuss the status of its ongoing project to enhance safety and improve procedures to prevent nuclear criticalities.

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should advise Patricia Glenn at 404-997-4442 or via email at Patricia.Glenn@nrc.gov in advance and, upon arrival, check in at the security desk on the 12th floor of the Marquis One Tower. Those who wish to participate in the meeting but are unable to attend are invited to call in on an audio teleconference line. For the call-in information, contact Patricia Glenn.

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NOTE: Anyone wishing to take photos or use a camera to record any portion of a NRC meeting should contact the Office of Public Affairs beforehand.

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