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NRC Seeks Public Comment for Environmental Impact Statement on Proposed Medical Isotope Production Facility in Columbia, Mo.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission seeks public comment on the scope of its evaluation of the environmental impacts of construction, operation and ultimate decommissioning of the proposed Northwest Medical Isotopes LLC radioisotope production facility in Columbia, Mo.

In a [Federal Register notice](#) published Nov. 18, the NRC announced its intention to develop an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act and gave specific instructions on how to submit written comments. Comments will be accepted through Jan. 4.

NRC staff will hold a public meeting Dec. 8 in Columbia as part of its effort to define the scope of its environmental review. The meeting will begin with an informal open house from 5-6 p.m., followed by a presentation by the NRC staff of the environmental review process and an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the scope of the staff's environmental study. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Columbia-East, 915 Port Way in Columbia.

Northwest Medical Isotopes has submitted an application for a construction permit for the facility in the Discovery Ridge Research Park in Columbia. The facility would manufacture low-enriched uranium targets to be irradiated at existing research reactors. The irradiated targets would then be returned to Northwest Medical Isotopes for extraction of molybdenum-99. The construction authorization application is [available in the NRC's ADAMS document database](#).