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CORRECTION: The address for meeting location is <u>1 Superman Square</u>,

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NRC TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT HONEYWELL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Honeywell Specialty Chemicals officials on Wednesday, April 23, to discuss the results of the agency's assessment of performance at the company's uranium processing facility, located in Metropolis, Illinois.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Massac County Courthouse, at 1 Superman Square, in Metropolis, Illinois. The public is invited to observe the meeting and will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned.

This performance review, which covers the period of February 1, 2001, through January 31 of this year, focused on four major arenas: safety operations, safeguards, radiological controls and facility support. The NRC staff concluded that the Honeywell facility staff performed well in the areas of safeguards, radiological controls and facility support, and identified no areas for improvement. In the arena of safety operations, the staff performance was evaluated as adequate but needing improvement in implementation of regulatory requirements.

The meeting will focus on the company's plans to address the NRC's concerns and the recent turnover in senior management positions at the facility.

The performance review is available from the NRC's Region III Office of Public Affairs, the NRC Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209 and in the agency's ADAMS electronic

reading room at <u>http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html</u>. To locate the document, enter the accession number ML030860438.