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NRC TO HOLD MEETING JUNE 6 AT NFS TO DISCUSS READINESS REVIEW ASSOCIATED WITH PROPOSED PROJECT BLEU

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with officials of Nuclear Fuel Services, Incorporated, in Erwin, Tennessee, on June 6 to present the results of an NRC inspection team's Operational Readiness Review of a new Uranyl Nitrate Building associated with the company's proposed Blended Low-Enriched Uranium (BLEU) project.

NFS has proposed to build a facility at its Erwin, Tennessee site which would take surplus high-enriched uranium from the Department of Energy and downblend it into low-enriched uranium which would be fabricated into fuel for commercial nuclear power reactors. The NRC has made no decision at this time on the NFS request.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. at the NFS Training Center in Erwin, located on Jackson Love Highway near Exit 15 on Interstate 181. The meeting is open to observation by the public, and NRC officials will be available prior to its conclusion to answer questions from interested observers.

The NRC is conducting the Operational Readiness Review inspection of the UNB building from June 2 through June 6.

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