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NRC TO HOLD TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 27 IN PIKETON, OHIO

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold two public meetings at Piketon, Ohio, on September 27 to discuss results of the agency's most recent Licensee Performance Review of the United States Enrichment Corporation's Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and to discuss the NRC inspection plan for the upcoming American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility being built by USEC, Inc., at the same site.

The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. (EST) at the Ohio State University South Centers Auditorium, located at 1864 Shyville Road in Piketon. The NRC staff will discuss with USEC officials the results of the agency's review of safety performance at the plant for a period from August 8, 2004, to July 1, 2006. The discussion will include licensee regulatory performance in the areas of Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support and Licensing.

The meeting will be open to observation by interested members of the public, and NRC officials will be available to answer questions prior to its conclusion.

The NRC will conduct a second public meeting immediately following the licensee performance review, at approximately 8:00 p.m. (EST) to discuss NRC regulation of the American Centrifuge Lead Cascade facility, being built by USEC, Inc., at the Portsmouth plant site. The NRC staff will discuss the agency's inspection program for the facility and will be available to answer questions from the public prior to the meeting's conclusion.

The Lead Cascade project is a test and demonstration facility designed to provide information on new American Centrifuge uranium enrichment technology.

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