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NRC TO DISCUSS APPARENT VIOLATIONS AT HIGH MOUNTAIN INSPECTION SERVICES, INC.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a predecisional enforcement conference Wednesday, February 27, with officials of High Mountain Inspection Services, Inc., of Casper, Wyoming, to discuss several apparent violations of NRC requirements.

The conference will begin at 2 p.m. (MST) at the Radisson Hotel, 300 North Poplar St., Casper. The meeting will be open to public observation; NRC officials will be available afterward for questions.

The violations involve the apparent failure of High Mountain to properly manage and limit radiation doses to its employees. These problems were reviewed by NRC inspectors during an inspection completed on October 2 last year.

The decision to hold a predecisional enforcement conference does not mean that NRC has made a final determination that violations did occur or that enforcement action, such as a monetary fine, will be taken. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance. The meeting will also provide High Mountain officials with an opportunity to point out any errors that may have been made in the NRC inspection report and to present its corrective actions.

No decision on the apparent violations or any contemplated enforcement action will be made at this conference. Those decisions will be made by senior NRC officials at a later time.

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