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CORRECTED RELEASE - NEW MEETING LOCATION:

Missouri National Guard Armory

2740 Highway P

Festus, Missouri

(3 ½ miles north of Festus)

NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES FOR HEMATITE, MISSOURI, FUEL PROCESSING FACILITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting Wednesday, April 3, in Hematite, Missouri, to discuss the agency's activities associated with the decommissioning of the Westinghouse nuclear fuel processing plant at Hematite. State of Missouri personnel will also participate in the meeting.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the First Christian Church Hematite on Highway P in Hematite.

There will be two portions of the meeting. The first portion will be between the NRC staff, state personnel, and Westinghouse officials to discuss an amendment of the company's NRC license covering the cessation of operations and preparations for decommissioning. Current issues in the environmental monitoring program will also be discussed.

The second portion of the meeting -- expected to begin about 7 p.m. -- will be conducted by the NRC staff and the State of Missouri to describe NRC and state activities during the decommissioning of the plant. Brief presentations by the NRC and the state will be followed by a question-and-answer session for the public attending the meeting.

The Hematite facility processed uranium and fabricated fuel for use in commercial nuclear power plants. Manufacturing activities were halted in June of last year, and Westinghouse consolidated its fuel production in its South Carolina facility.

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