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NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING IN WILMINGTON ON AUGUST 2 TO DISCUSS REGULATORY PERFORMANCE AT GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUELS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting in Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday, August 2, with officials of Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, L.L.C., for a review of regulatory safety performance at the company's low-enriched uranium fuel fabrication facility.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) in the Masonboro Island Room of the Student Center at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, located at 601 South College Road. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the results of the NRC's latest Licensee Performance Review at the plant for a period from May 8, 2005 through August 2, 2007.

The NRC staff said in letters to the company earlier this month that Global Nuclear Fuels continued to conduct its activities related to Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Nuclear Materials Safeguards, Facility Support and Licensing in a safe and secure manner but that one area needing improvement was identified. The letter said that, while performance in the area of Facility Support was adequate, the company needed to improve on its implementation of procedures for maintenance and surveillance of safety controls to ensure they can perform their intended function.

The meeting is between officials of the NRC and Global Fuels and is open to observation by the public and news media representatives. NRC officials will be available at its conclusion to answer questions from reporters and interested members of the public.

Copies of the meeting announcement letter and the appraisal letter and its enclosures from the NRC to Global Nuclear Fuels are available to the public toll-free from the NRC Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209 or from the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) on the internet at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html. Enter ML Number 071910423 for the meeting announcement and ML071870342 for the appraisal letter.

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