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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING ON NFS OVERSIGHT AND RELATED ISSUES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting for Thursday, Sept. 8 in Erwin, Tenn., to discuss its oversight of the Nuclear Fuel Services facility there as well as related issues of interest to local residents.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the Unicoi County High School, 700 South Mohawk Drive in Erwin. There will be opening remarks and introductions, followed by three separate presentations on frequently asked about topics. There will be a short break after each presentation when the presenters and NRC staff will be available to answer questions.

The first presentation will focus on a National Academy of Sciences study commissioned by the NRC to update a national cancer study in areas near nuclear facilities. The area around NFS will be among those studied, and NAS officials will be on hand to discuss the study. A 1990 study, conducted by the National Institute of Health's National Cancer Institute, found no increased risk of death from cancer for people living near nuclear facilities.

The second presentation will cover NRC rules and regulations regarding radiation exposure and public dose limits. A senior level NRC technical advisor will discuss the scientific basis for the limits and address concerns of residents living near NFS.

During the final presentation, an official from the NRC's Office of Enforcement will discuss the agency's enforcement process and how it relates to the inspection of the NFS facility.

These presentations fulfill a commitment made by the NRC staff at an earlier public meeting to discuss these particular issues in greater detail.

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