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NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Certificate Termination for Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting to discuss its process for terminating the certificate authorizing uranium enrichment operations at USEC Inc.'s Paducah, Ky., Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the McCracken County Public Library, 555 Washington St., in Paducah. The public is invited to attend and is encouraged to provide comments and ask questions during the meeting.

The Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant was built by the U.S. government in the 1950s to enrich uranium for military purposes. In the 1960s, it began enriching uranium for commercial nuclear reactors. Uranium enrichment no longer occurs at the facility, prompting USEC to request the termination of its certificate of compliance, which in essence is its license to possess and process uranium.