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NRC TO HOLD MEETING APRIL 20 AT NFS NUCLEAR FUEL PLANT TO DISCUSS NRC PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF LICENSEE ACTIVITIES

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with officials of Nuclear Fuel Services, Incorporated, in Erwin, Tennessee, on April 20 to discuss the agency's latest review of the facility's safety performance.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. at the NFS Training Center in Erwin, located on Jackson Love Highway near Exit 15 on Interstate 181. The meeting is open to observation by the public, and NRC officials will be available prior to its conclusion to answer questions from interested observers. A second meeting following the one at 8:00 a.m. will discuss material declared proprietary and will be closed to the public.

The NRC review, which covers a period from January 20, 2003 through January 23, 2004, indicates that NFS has continued to safely conduct its activities. However, NRC officials said that improvement is needed in communication of facility safety information to workers and in management oversight for selected processes.

The NRC has informed NFS that the plant's performance and ongoing facility changes warrant increased NRC oversight which will involve increased inspection effort, including the addition of a second resident inspector.

NRC officials said that procedural compliance at the facility has improved and no longer warrants increased NRC oversight.

Copies of a March 12 letter to NFS may be obtained from the Region II Office of Public Affairs in Atlanta and will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) in Washington, D.C., or on the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Internet web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Help in using ADAMS is available through the NRC PDR at 301-415-4737 or 1-800-397-4209.

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