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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 23 IN PIKETON, OHIO, TO DISCUSS LICENSING PROCESS FOR PROPOSED URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting in Piketon, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, June 23, to discuss the agency's licensing process for a proposed gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility.

The meeting will be held at the Vern Riffe Career Technology Center, 175 Beaver Creek Rd., Piketon, Ohio, at 7 p.m.

Technical staff from the NRC's headquarters in Rockville, Md., and its Region II office in Atlanta will be on hand to discuss the agency's procedures for reviewing a license application for the plant, developing an environmental impact statement, and inspecting the plant. Questions from the public are welcome.

USEC Inc. announced in January its intention to build a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment plant at the Portsmouth Gas Diffusion Plant site in Piketon. The plant will enrich uranium in the isotope U²³⁵ for use in the production of fuel for nuclear power plants. The company advised the NRC that it intends to submit a license application in August. USEC intends to call the plant the American Centrifuge Plant.

In February, the NRC approved a license for USEC to construct and operate a Lead Cascade gas centrifuge facility at the Piketon site. The Lead Cascade will test and demonstrate the technology to be used in the American Centrifuge Plant.

The meeting's agenda is available through the NRC's ADAMS document system, at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>, using accession number ML041480385. For more information on uranium enrichment, see the NRC Fact Sheet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/enrichment.html>.

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