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NRC TO PRESENT RESULTS OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AT AREVA COMMERCIAL FUEL PLANT IN RICHLAND

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with AREVA NP, Inc., management in Richland, Wash., on Thursday, Nov. 13, to discuss the results of a regulatory safety performance review at the company's commercial nuclear fuel fabrication plant.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. PST in Conference Room 5 at the AREVA facility, which is located at 2101 Horn Rapids Road in Richland, and will be open to members of the public and the news media. NRC officials will be available during the meeting to answer questions from those in attendance.

The NRC staff assessed performance at AREVA during a period beginning Aug. 13, 2006 and ending Aug. 13, 2008 in the areas of operational safety, safeguards, radiological controls, facility support and licensing. The NRC staff review highlighted improvements made by the company in several areas, and based on overall performance, the agency determined that no additional inspections beyond the standard program for such a facility are needed.

"The NRC continually reviews regulatory safety performance at AREVA and at each of the nation's other licensed nuclear facilities," said Luis Reyes, administrator of the NRC Region II office in Atlanta. The meeting, he added, "is an opportunity for us to discuss safety performance with the company and with residents living near the plant who might be interested."

A copy of the NRC letter to the company regarding the review is publicly available online in the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The ML number is ML082910775.

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