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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS B&W NUCLEAR OPERATIONS GROUP IN LYNCHBURG

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting with Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Operations Group, Inc., in Lynchburg, Va., on April 23 to discuss the results of the NRC's 2012 performance review of its nuclear fuel fabrication facility.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Lynchburg City Hall, located at 900 Church St. The meeting will be open to the public and the news media, and NRC staff members will be available to answer questions after the business portion of the meeting.

The NRC staff assessed B&W's performance last year in the areas of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support and licensing. Security was also assessed, but that area will not be publicly discussed due to the sensitive nature of the information. The NRC staff review determined that B&W continued to conduct its activities safely and securely, protecting public health and the environment.

The NRC found no areas needing improvement during the performance review period. Due to that performance level, NRC inspections at the facility during the next review period are being conducted at the normal level of inspection for this type of nuclear fuel facility, and no additional inspections are required.

"The NRC inspects nuclear fuel facilities such as B&W and monitors their performance on an ongoing basis," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "We issue inspection reports and hold these meetings near each facility to discuss our oversight and answer any questions local residents may have."

A copy of the review for the B&W facility is available on the NRC website.

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