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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of December 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Geologic Repository Operations Area Security and Material Control and Accounting Requirements; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a proposed rule on Geologic Repository Operations Area Security and Material Control and Accounting Requirements for public comment (72 FR 72522; December 20, 2007). The public comment period runs from December 20, 2007 thru March 4, 2008. As part of the public comment process, the NRC plans to hold a transcribed public meeting to solicit comments on the proposed rule. NRC staff will be taking comments only and will not be prepared to discuss or respond to comments or questions on the rule. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties may attend. The meeting will be held on January 23, 2008, in the NRC Hearing Facility at the Pacific Enterprise Plaza, Building One, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada. During the comment period, comments may also be mailed to the NRC or submitted via fax or e-mail.

**DATES:** January 23, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The January 23 meeting will be held in the NRC Hearing Facility at the Pacific Enterprise Plaza, Building One, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89120.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Merri Horn, telephone (301) 415-8126, e-mail, [mlh1@nrc.gov](mailto:mlh1@nrc.gov) of the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to obtain

stakeholder comments on the Geologic Repository Operations Area Security and Material Control and Accounting Requirements Proposed Rule. The NRC staff will only be accepting comments at the meeting; staff will not be prepared to answer any questions related to the rule. The proposed rule would revise the security requirements and material control and accounting (MC&A) requirements for a geologic repository operations area (GROA). The goal of this rulemaking is to ensure that effective security measures are in place for the protection of high-level radioactive waste (HLW) and other radioactive material at a GROA given the post-September 11, 2001, threat environment. New requirements for specific training enhancements, improved access authorization, enhancements to defensive strategies, and enhanced reporting requirements would be incorporated. The proposed rule would establish general performance objectives and corresponding system capabilities for the GROA MC&A program, with a focus on strengthening, streamlining, and consolidating all MC&A regulations specific to a GROA. In addition, the proposed rule would require the emergency plan to address radiological emergencies. The proposed rule is available via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Agenda:* Welcome—10 minutes; NRC staff presentation on Rule Requirements—30 minutes; Public Comment—remainder. There will be a 15 minute break at 5 p.m. To ensure that everyone who wishes has the chance to comment, we may impose a time limit on speakers.

Attendees are requested to notify Vivian Mehrhoff, telephone (702) 794-5053, e-mail [vlm@nrc.gov](mailto:vlm@nrc.gov) to pre-register for the meetings. If you wish to pre-register, you need to contact the above individual by January 18, 2008. You will be able to register at the meeting, as well.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of December, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-143]

### Notice of License Amendment Request of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Erwin, TN, and Opportunity To Request a Hearing

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of license amendment, and opportunity to request a hearing.

**DATE:** A request for a hearing must be filed by February 29, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated August 31, 2007, a license amendment application from Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., requesting authority to process uranium hexafluoride (UF6) in a new Commercial Development (CD) line at its facility site located in Erwin, Tennessee. License No. SNM-124 authorizes the licensee to manufacture nuclear reactor fuel. Specifically, the amendment provides authorization to convert high-enriched uranium (HEU) in the form of UF6 into another chemical form (oxide or nitrate), which can be processed in the existing facility.

An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to Nuclear Fuel Services Inc., dated October 5, 2007, found the application acceptable to begin a technical review. If the NRC approves the amendment, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC License No. SNM-124. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

#### II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding regarding an application for a license amendment for a new process line. Any person whose interest may be affected by this