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NRC SCHEDULES ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE WITH GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL FOR APRIL 4

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a pre-decisional enforcement conference with officials of Global Nuclear Fuel of Wilmington, N.C. for Wednesday, April 4 to discuss an apparent violation of NRC requirements related to an issue with the company's criticality warning system.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. EDT at the NRC Region II office in Atlanta, located at 245 Peachtree Center Ave. The meeting will be open to the public and NRC officials will be available after the meeting to answer any questions. Anyone interested in attending the meeting or participating by telephone should contact the NRC's Marvin Sykes at 404-997-4629 or marvin.sykes@nrc.gov.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the apparent violation associated with a significant delay in a criticality warning system horn identified by the company last July. The company's own investigation determined that a component failure caused the delayed response and it has taken corrective actions to resolve the issue as well as address the factors that prevented earlier identification.

No decision on enforcement action will be made at the meeting. NRC officials will review information presented by Global Nuclear Fuel at the meeting and reach a decision on appropriate regulatory action at a later date.

An NRC report with information on the issue is available through the NRC website at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The number to access the document is ML12030A026.

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