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NRC SCHEDULES ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE AND MEETING WITH HONEYWELL METROPOLIS WORKS FOR AUG. 27

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a pre-decisional enforcement conference with officials of Honeywell Metropolis Works of Metropolis, Ill., for Monday, Aug. 27 to discuss apparent violation of NRC requirements related to the company's failure to identify potential accident scenarios caused by seismic events or tornadoes.

Later the same day, NRC staff and Honeywell officials will meet to discuss licensing issues associated with modifications the company plans to make to that facility.

The enforcement conference will begin at 10:30 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 Omar Lopez at 404-997-4703 or omar.lopez@nrc.gov or Richard Gibson at 404-997-4718 or richard.gibson@nrc.gov.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss apparent violations associated with Honeywell's failure to identify the kinds of accidents that significant earthquakes or tornadoes might cause. Those accidents could result in the release of large amounts of uranium hexafluoride into the environment.

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

An NRC inspection report with more 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 ML12222A163.

The second meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. EDT in the same location and it is also open to the public. NRC officials will again be available after the meeting to answer any questions. Anyone interested in attending the second meeting or participating by telephone should contact the NRC's Breeda Reilly at 301-492-3110 or breeda.reilly@nrc.gov.

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