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### **NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS APPROVAL OF NFS LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an information meeting for Thursday, Aug. 30, to discuss how the agency arrived at its decision to approve a 25-year extension of the operating license for the Nuclear Fuel Services facility in Erwin, Tenn.

The meeting is scheduled to run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. EDT in the Unicoi County Courthouse, 100 N. Main Street in Erwin. The meeting will be open to the public and those attending are invited to ask the NRC staff questions and discuss the renewal of the license.

NFS submitted its renewal application in June 2009 and the NRC staff performed a detailed technical review. The NRC staff recently renewed the license, determining that the NFS application demonstrated the company is qualified by training and experience to use the licensed material according to NRC regulations. The NRC staff also found that the company's equipment, facilities and procedures are adequate to protect the public.

Before approving the application, the staff found that renewing the license would not have a significant impact on the environment. The staff published a final environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact in October 2011. The assessment includes responses to approximately 375 public comments received on a draft environmental assessment published in October 2010.

The NRC staff held several previous public meetings in Erwin and at NRC Headquarters to explain the license renewal review process, the environmental assessment and the resolution of certain items identified during the technical safety review.

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