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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN IDAHO FALLS TO EXPLAIN LICENSE REVIEW PROCESS FOR AREVA ENRICHMENT FACILITY

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting Dec. 10 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to discuss the agency's licensing process for a proposed gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility to be built in Idaho by AREVA NC.

The meeting will be held in the Grand Teton Room of O'Callahan's at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., in Idaho Falls, beginning at 7 p.m. Members of the public may arrive an hour earlier to meet informally with NRC staff members before the formal meeting.

AREVA has indicated its intention to submit a license application by the end of December. The Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility is to be located in Bonneville County about 20 miles west of Idaho Falls, near the Idaho National Laboratory. The facility would use centrifuge technology to enrich uranium for use in manufacturing fuel for commercial nuclear power plants.

At the Dec. 10 public meeting, NRC staff will explain the agency's two parallel reviews – the technical safety review and the environmental impact study – that make up the licensing process. The bulk of the time will be devoted to answering questions from the public.

More information about the licensing process for gas centrifuge enrichment plants is available on the NRC Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/gas-centrifuge.html>.

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