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ASLB TO HOLD EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS BEGINNING JAN. 25 ON AREVA APPLICATION FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN IDAHO

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hold evidentiary hearings Jan. 25-27 on safety-related aspects of an application by AREVA Enrichment Services, LLC (AES) for a license to construct and operate a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility in Bonneville County, Idaho.

The hearings will be held in the ASLB Panel Hearing Room at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md., Two White Flint North Building, Room T-3B45, 11545 Rockville Pike. The hearing will also be webcast over the Internet. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. Jan. 25 and will continue day-to-day until concluded. Portions of the proceedings may be closed to the public to discuss sensitive or classified matters.

These sessions will be part of the "mandatory hearing" on the AES application, with AES and the NRC staff acting as parties. The sessions will concern safety-related aspects of AES' safety analysis report in its application and the safety evaluation report (SER) prepared by the NRC staff. Presentations will focus on site-specific process-related hazards, foreign ownership and control, license conditions and exemptions, and commitment follow-up and tracking. The ASLB will consider whether the AES application contains sufficient information and the NRC staff's review is adequate to support issuance of a license.

Members of the public may attend the hearings in person or view them by webcast at the following Internet addresses:

- Tues., Jan. 25: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=75030>
- Weds., Jan. 26, if needed: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=75033>
- Thurs., Jan. 27, if needed: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=75034>

In addition, the ASLB will accept "limited appearance" written statements from members of the public on matters involving the hearing. The ASLB is particularly interested in comments regarding the NRC staff's SER on the application, which is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1951/>.

Limited appearance written statements should be submitted both to the NRC Office of the Secretary and to the ASLB, at the following addresses: Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001; and Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk III, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. They may also be submitted by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov and paul.bollwerk@nrc.gov.

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