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NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS MOX FACILITY

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, July 24, to discuss the status of the Mixed Oxide or MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility construction project focusing on NRC inspection and oversight.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Hydrogen Research Center on the Savannah River Research Campus, 301 Gateway Dr., New Ellenton, S.C. People attending the meeting will not be required to go through Savannah River site security. The NRC staff will be available to answer any questions after the formal portion of the meeting.

The MOX facility, being constructed by Shaw Areva MOX Services, is located at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River site near Aiken, S.C. The facility will be owned by the DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration and will convert supplies of surplus weapons-grade plutonium into more proliferation-resistant forms by blending it with uranium. Converting the plutonium into MOX fuel will enable it to be used in commercial reactors to generate electricity. The NRC issued a construction authorization for the facility in March 2005.

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