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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 4 IN IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, ON ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR PROPOSED ENRICHMENT PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting June 4 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to seek comments about specific issues that should be addressed in its environmental review of a proposed uranium enrichment facility.

The meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd. in Idaho Falls, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. NRC staff members will be available for an hour prior to the meeting to speak informally to members of the public.

AREVA Enrichment Services LLC submitted an application Dec. 30, 2008, for a license to construct and operate a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility near Idaho Falls. AREVA resubmitted its application April 24 to double the facility's proposed production capacity.

The proposed facility would enrich uranium for use in the production of fuel for commercial nuclear power reactors.

In April, the NRC staff determined that the license application was sufficiently complete to allow the agency to begin its formal environmental review. A notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement was published May 4 in the *Federal Register*.

At the June 4 meeting, NRC staff will explain the licensing review process and provide ample opportunity for the public to speak about specific environmental issues that should be addressed in the report. Members of the public wishing to make statements are encouraged to pre-register by May 28 by contacting Tarsha Moon at (800) 368-5642, ext. 7843, or at Tarsha.Moon@nrc.gov. Interested persons may also register to speak at the meeting, and written comments will also be accepted. Written comments may also be submitted by e-mail to EagleRock.EIS@nrc.gov.

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