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NRC TO PRESENT RESULTS OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AT GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL-AMERICAS IN WILMINGTON, N.C.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with management of Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas, LLC in Wilmington, N.C., on Tuesday, Sept. 1 to discuss the results of a licensee performance review for the company’s commercial nuclear fuel fabrication plant.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. EDT in the Azalea Coast Room A of the Fisher Student Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, which is located at 601 South College Road. The meeting will be open to members of the public and the news media. NRC officials will be available during the meeting to answer questions from those in attendance.

The NRC staff assessed performance at Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas during a period beginning May 22, 2007 and ending May 22, 2009 in the areas of safety operations, safeguards, radiological controls, facility support and special topics. The NRC staff review determined that Global continued to conduct its activities safely and securely, protecting public health and the environment.

However, in the area of safety operations, the staff identified that management attention was warranted to improve the identification and implementation of safety controls. The NRC will conduct additional inspections in safety operations to assess the effectiveness of Global’s planned corrective actions.

“The NRC continually reviews regulatory safety performance at Global Nuclear and at each of the nation’s other licensed nuclear facilities,” said Luis Reyes, administrator of the NRC Region II office in Atlanta. “This meeting is an opportunity for us to discuss safety performance with the company and with residents in the area.”

A copy of the NRC letter detailing the review is publicly available online in the NRC’s Agency-wide Document Access and Management System, www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The ML number is ML092160459.

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