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NRC ANNOUNCES HEARING OPPORTUNITY, PUBLIC MEETING ON WESTINGHOUSE HEMATITE DECOMMISSIONING PLANS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing an opportunity to request a hearing on the decommissioning plans of Westinghouse Electric Co. for its Hematite nuclear fuel production facility, and will hold a public meeting Dec. 14 near the facility in Festus, Mo., to discuss the agency's review of the plans.

The meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 14, in the atrium of the Best Western Shalimar Conference Center, 1200 Gannon Dr., in Festus, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Members of the NRC staff will make brief presentations about the agency's technical review of the decommissioning plans, then will accept questions and comments from the public.

The Hematite plant operated as a nuclear fuel fabrication facility from 1954 until 2001. Last summer, Westinghouse submitted its current decommissioning plan for the facility, a decommissioning funding plan, and a physical security and nuclear material control plan. All of these documents will be reviewed. If approved, the decommissioning plans would be incorporated into the Westinghouse license as a license amendment.

A Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing was published Dec. 8 in the *Federal Register*. The notice includes detailed instructions on how to petition for an adjudicatory hearing on the decommissioning plan. The deadline for requesting a hearing is Feb. 8.

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NOTE: Anyone wishing to take photos or use a camera to record any portion of a NRC meeting should contact the Office of Public Affairs beforehand.

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