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NRC SCHEDULES ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA WITH WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR FUEL PLANT OFFICIALS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a predecisional enforcement conference for Wednesday, Jan. 12 to discuss apparent violations of NRC requirements with officials of the Westinghouse commercial nuclear fuel plant in Columbia, S.C.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. EST at the NRC Region II office, located in the Marquis One Tower, 245 Peachtree Center Ave. N.E. in Atlanta. The meeting will be open to observation by the public, and NRC officials will be available at its conclusion to answer questions from interested observers.

The violations to be discussed at the conference are associated with a filter press, which is used to ensure that material in waste water is removed before discharge. In late July 2010, plant operators found that some of the components within the press were missing, which could have allowed more material than anticipated to accumulate in the filter.

An NRC inspection resulted in the identification of six apparent violations. No decision on enforcement action will be made at the meeting. NRC officials will review information presented by Westinghouse at the meeting and reach a decision on appropriate regulatory action at a later date.

Copies of the NRC letter to Westinghouse confirming the enforcement conference, as well as the inspection report detailing the apparent violations, are available on the NRC website at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The number to access the inspection report is ML102240185.

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