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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE OF HONEYWELL METROPOLIS FACILITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting in Metropolis, Ill., on May 9 to discuss its latest evaluation of safety performance at the Honeywell Specialty Chemicals plant. The Honeywell plant processes uranium for use in commercial nuclear power plant fuel.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. CDT at the Massac County Courthouse, 1 Superman Square, in Metropolis. The public can observe the business portion of the meeting and NRC staff will be available after that session to answer questions or provide further information about NRC oversight of the facility.

The NRC's evaluation of Honeywell, called a Licensee Performance Review, covered a period beginning January 7, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010. The review covered performance at the plant in the areas of Safety Operations, Safeguards, Radiological Controls, Facility Support and Special Topics.

The review found that Honeywell continued to operate safely and securely and did not identify any areas in need of specific improvement. However, the NRC said that the agency plans to perform some additional inspection activities beyond those required by the plant's core inspection program. The NRC will also conduct the next review over a 12-month period.

The NRC letter to Honeywell discussing the performance review is available by going to the NRC website at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html and entering the document number ML110660054.

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