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NRC SCHEDULES ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE WITH GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL FOR SEPT. 29

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a pre-decisional enforcement conference with officials of Global Nuclear Fuel of Wilmington, N.C. for Thursday, Sept. 29 to discuss apparent violations of NRC requirements related to the company's failure to maintain adequate controls over the amount of radioactive material in one area of the facility.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. EDT at the NRC Region II office in Atlanta, located at 245 Peachtree Center Ave. The meeting will be open to the public and NRC officials will be available after the meeting to answer any questions. Anyone interested in attending the meeting or participating by telephone should contact the Omar Lopez 404-997-4703 or omar.lopez@nrc.gov.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss apparent violations associated with the failure to maintain mass control within the uranium dioxide or UO₂ sinter test grinding station high efficiency particulate air filter or HEPA filter housing. In early March, Global officials told the NRC that the company had discovered more uranium than allowed in that area and had taken steps to remove it.

No decision on enforcement action will be made at the meeting. NRC officials will review information presented by Global Nuclear Fuel at the meeting and reach a decision on appropriate regulatory action at a later date.

A <u>NRC report</u> on the topic is available on the NRC website using ML111810118 to access the document.

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