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NRC TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF BABCOCK & WILCOX NUCLEAR OPERATIONS GROUP IN LYNCHBURG

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with management of B&W Nuclear Operations Group, Inc., in Lynchburg, Va., on Tuesday, Sept. 21 to discuss the results of NRC's performance review for the nuclear fuel fabrication facility.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. EDT in the second floor conference room at the Lynchburg City Hall, located at 900 Church St. 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 B&W's performance during a period beginning July 31, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 in the areas of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support and special topics. Security was also assessed, but that area will not be publicly discussed due to the sensitive nature of the information. The NRC staff review determined that B&W continued to conduct its activities safely and securely, protecting public health and the environment.

The NRC found no areas needing improvement during the performance review period. Due to that performance level, NRC inspections at the facility during the next review period are being conducted at the normal level of inspection for this type of nuclear fuel assembly facility, and no additional inspections are required.

"NRC inspectors closely examine operations and review facility performance at the B&W plant and all of the nation's licensed nuclear facilities," said Luis Reyes, administrator of the NRC Region II office in Atlanta. "This meeting gives us the opportunity to discuss the company's performance with their managers and area residents and hear any concerns they might have."

A copy of the NRC review is publicly available online at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html. The number to access the document is ML102310266.

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