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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH PUBLIC TO DISCUSS SCHOTT GLASS TECHNOLOGIES LICENSE TERMINATION REQUEST

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with the public on Monday evening, March 23, to discuss a license termination request for the Schott Glass Technologies site at Duryea, Pa. The NRC will discuss the company's site remediation actions and final survey; NRC confirmatory surveys; and the proposal that the license be terminated and that the site be removed from the agency's Site Decommissioning Management Plan.

The meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., will be held at Victoria Inns, on Route 315 in Pittston Township, Pa.

The Schott facility was used for manufacturing special optical glass. Contamination of the site was caused by small pieces of glass containing thorium (a naturally occuring radioactive material) that was mixed with soil and non-radioactive glass placed in a landfill on the company's property from 1969 through 1980. Decommissioning work began in August 1996, two months after NRC had approved Schott's plan. Schott informed the NRC in January that it had completed final decommissioning. Based on its review, the NRC has determined that remediation of residual radioactive contamination has been successfully completed and that the site meets NRC criteria for unrestricted use.