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NOTE TO EDITORS:
CHANGE IN DATE FOR ABB COMBUSTION ENGINEERING MEETING

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials of the ABB Combustion Engineering, Inc., commercial nuclear fuel facility in Hematite, Missouri, on Thursday, April 30, to discuss the plant's regulatory performance.

(This is a change in the meeting date. Press Release RIII-98-23 issued on April 3, announced the meeting as April 14)

The meeting will be at 1 p.m., at the company's Hematite Nuclear Manufacturing Facility Building 110, 3300 State Road P. It is open for public observation. NRC officials will be available at its conclusion to answer questions from the news media and other interested observers.

NRC officials will discuss a Licensee Performance Review in which the agency evaluated performance in five areas -- safety operations, safeguards, radiological controls, facility support, and licensing activities -- in order to form a basis for establishing the NRC's inspection program at the facility for the next year.

The assessment covers the period from January 1, 1996, through January 31 of this year.

The NRC review concludes that the facility's performance in radiological controls was "very good" and the remaining four areas -- safety operations, safeguards, facility support, and licensing activities -- were evaluated as "generally adequate."

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Note: A copy of the full report and press release RIII-98-23 are available for review on the NRC's internet web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports>.