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NRC Returns NFS Facility in Erwin, Tenn., to Normal Agency Oversight and Inspection

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the Licensee Performance Review for the Nuclear Fuel Services facility in Erwin, Tenn., and the recent performance documented in that review has led the agency to return NFS to the normal level of oversight and inspection for NRC-licensed facilities of the same type.

In 2004, the NRC increased its oversight of the facility, including the addition of a second resident inspector, based on the facility's performance and ongoing changes. Since that time, the agency has kept that increased level, but sustained improvement over the past several years, verified by NRC inspections, led to the conclusion that a return to the normal or core oversight level is warranted.

The recent closure of the Safety Culture Confirmatory Order and the results of the review covering the period from January 2013 to December 2014 further demonstrate the improvement at the NFS facility.

“Our most recent review of NFS found no areas needing improvement and we believe the management and staff of the facility now have the appropriate focus on safety and environmental protection required by the NRC,” said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree.

As part of the NFS facility's return to normal oversight, there will no longer be a second resident inspector at the site, but the facility will continue to have a senior resident inspector whose inspections will be supplemented by region-based inspectors from the NRC offices in Atlanta.

A public meeting to discuss the results of the review as well as NRC oversight and inspection activities at NFS will be held in Erwin on April 23. Further details of that meeting will be provided later.

The NRC's letter detailing the review of the NFS facility will be available on the NRC [website](#) by searching for ML15064A006.

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