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NRC Schedules Virtual Meeting to Discuss Performance of URENCO USA Facility

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the results of a performance review of the URENCO USA uranium enrichment facility in Eunice, N.M., during a virtual meeting scheduled for March 30.

The session will be held from 3-5 p.m. Eastern Time (1-3 p.m. Mountain Time) with NRC officials from the Region II office in Atlanta and URENCO officials from the Eunice facility. The meeting can be accessed by the public and media via Skype. NRC officials will be available following the formal portion of the meeting to answer questions. For individuals without access to Skype, a telephone conference number will also be available.

The NRC staff assessed performance of the URENCO facility during the period beginning Jan. 1, 2018, and ending Dec. 31, 2019, in safety operations, safeguards, radiological controls, facility support and other areas. Although the safeguards, or security-related, area was assessed, that information is not publicly available due to its sensitive nature. The NRC staff review determined that URENCO continued to conduct its activities safely and securely, protecting public health and the environment.

The review found that none of the program areas needed improvement, thus the NRC will continue its normal inspection program for such facilities. The NRC does not have resident inspectors at the Eunice facility, but fuel facility inspectors from its Atlanta regional office conduct periodic inspections of various aspects of the operation.

A copy of the NRC [letter](#) to the company regarding the performance review is publicly available on the NRC website.

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