



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Global Laser Enrichment, Ilc; Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility; Commissioners: Ho. K. Nieh, Chairman; David A. Wright; Bradley R. Crowell; Matthew J. Marzano; Douglas W. Weaver; Order

On March 4, 2026, the Commission of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an order in the above-captioned docket providing notice of the receipt of an application from Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (GLE) for a license to possess and use special nuclear material for the purpose of constructing and operating a uranium enrichment facility in McCracken County, Kentucky.¹ The *GLE* order also provided specific guidance on the adjudicatory procedures to be used in the conduct of the proceeding, including direction regarding the conduct of an on-the-record uncontested hearing as well as the opportunity to request a contested hearing.

Subsequently, on August 7, 2026, the Commission issued an order in a separate proceeding concerning the receipt and notice of an application from Orano Enrichment USA LLC (Orano) also for a license to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer byproduct, source, and special nuclear material but for the purpose of constructing and operating the Project IKE Enrichment Facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.² In the *Orano* order, the Commission provided guidance on the adjudicatory procedures to apply in the proceeding, including an expectation that in the event a contested hearing on the application is held, the Commission would not also conduct an uncontested hearing.

On our own motion, we have considered the procedural guidance provided for both proceedings. Pursuant to our inherent supervisory authority to oversee and manage the NRC's adjudicatory proceedings, we have decided to modify the *GLE* proceeding to eliminate the

¹ Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility), CLI-26-3, 103 NRC __ (Mar. 4, 2026) (ML26062A214).

² Orano Enrichment USA LLC (Project IKE Enrichment Facility), CLI-26-11, 104 NRC__ (Aug. 7, 2026) (ML26218A174).

previously noticed uncontested hearing and adopt the adjudicatory procedures outlined in the *Orano* order.³

To effectuate our decision today and comply with the requirements of section 193.(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, we re-open the contested proceeding previously terminated by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) regarding the GLE license application.⁴ Further, we hereby terminate the uncontested hearing established by the Board on July 13, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland,
This 26 day of August, 2026.

For the Commission

Jody C. Martin,
Secretary of the Commission

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³ *Section II, Notice of Mandatory Hearing, of the GLE order (CLI-26-3) is effectively removed by this modification. The GLE contested proceeding constitutes the required on-the-record hearing. To the extent applicable, any future contested proceedings regarding this license application will be conducted under 10 CFR part 2, Subparts C and L.*

⁴ See Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility), LBP-26-7, 104 NRC __ (Jul. 9, 2026). This reopening of the record does not impact the Commission's consideration of the pending appeal filed by Kentucky Resources Council, Inc., on August 3, 2026. See, Notice of Appeal of ASLB Panel Memorandum and Order and Brief in Support of Appeal (ML26215A499 (package)).