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## **U.S. Congressman Phil Roe tours NFS plant in Erwin**

### **Roe says NFS is secure, safe and an asset to the community**

(Erwin, Tenn.) – First District U.S. Congressman Phil Roe toured the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) plant in Erwin today. The purpose of the tour was to familiarize the lawmaker with the plant and its activities.

“NFS is very secure, safe and a real asset to the community,” said Roe. “For the citizens of Unicoi County, I’ve seen how serious NFS and its employees are about safety and the security of the plant. Nobody has a bigger vested interest in safety at NFS than the people who work here.”

It is the first visit to the plant since his election to Congress in 2008. The former Johnson City Mayor and physician toured the company’s naval fuel production facility, its process facility for converting highly enriched uranium into fuel material to power commercial nuclear reactors to produce electricity and a new process facility that will provide feed material to the conversion process called the commercial development line.

“I believe NFS’ process for converting stockpiled weapons material into useful fuel to make electricity will be even more in demand as America looks for ways to meet its power demand economically without seriously impacting the environment,” Roe explained. “Compared to coal or natural gas, nuclear power plants can produce electricity much more economically than coal or natural gas and has virtually no carbon foot print.”

“Phil Roe is our district’s elected official in Washington,” said NFS Vice-President, Operations Tim Lindstrom. “It was important that he see our operation for himself today

so that he understands our mission and how we protect our workers, the public and the environment.”

Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS), located in Erwin, Tennessee, operates a uranium fuel materials production facility to support America’s fleet of nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers. It also converts Cold War-era government stockpiles of highly enriched uranium into fuel material for commercial nuclear reactors. NFS is licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and employs approximately 830 employees. NFS is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of The Babcock & Wilcox Company.