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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating licenses for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. The report contains the NRC's finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

The Farley plant is located in Houston County, about 16 miles east of Dothan, Ala. The current operating licenses expire on June 25, 2017, for Unit 1 and March 31, 2021, for Unit 2. Southern Nuclear Operating Co. Inc. (SNC), the licensee, submitted an application for renewal of both licenses on Sept. 15, 2003.

As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC held public meetings near the plant to discuss the scope of the review and the draft version of the environmental impact statement. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of state and federal agencies.

The Joseph M. Farley Final Environmental Impact Statement is available on the NRC's Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement18/index.html . Copies are also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.; the Houston Love Memorial Library, 212 West Burdeshaw St., Dothan, Ala.; and the Lucy Maddox Memorial Library, 11880 Columbia St., Blakely, Ga.

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