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NRC TO SEND TEAM TO REVIEW SEABROOK SECURITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has sent a special inspection team to continue the review of security at Seabrook Station in Seabrook, N.H. The on-site portion of the inspection began today. The plant is operated by FPL Energy.

Consisting of five inspectors, the NRC team is tasked with following up on NRC-identified findings from an inspection conducted in May. The multi-disciplinary team will look at the company's root cause analysis and evaluate the long-term corrective actions planned by the company. Prior to leaving the site after the May inspection, NRC inspectors reviewed the company's short-term corrective actions that included on-site compensatory measures and found them to be appropriate and in accordance with the company's security plan.

NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins said, "Since conducting our inspection last month, NRC continued to assure that the company was addressing the inspection findings. This special inspection will provide us with an in-depth look at the company's efforts to correct any problems and prevent recurrence."

The NRC inspection team includes specialists from the Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa., and the NRC's headquarters in Rockville, Md. The team is expected to spend about one week on site before returning to the regional office, where information they gather will be analyzed and evaluated.

The NRC routinely conducts inspections of security at the nation's nuclear power plants. The details of those inspections are not publicly available. The NRC has determined that certain security information should not be publicly available if it could reasonably be useful to an adversary.

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