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NRC STAFF TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING WITH PROGRESS ENERGY JUNE 24 TO DISCUSS INITIAL BRUNSWICK PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with Progress Energy management at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 24 to discuss the preliminary results of an agency inspection of the Brunswick nuclear plant license renewal program. The Brunswick plant is located near Southport, N.C., about 30 miles southeast of Wilmington.

Progress Energy submitted an application to renew the licenses of the two units at the Brunswick plant in October of last year. That application, if approved by the NRC, would extend the expiration date of the two units' operating licenses from 2016 for Unit 1 and 2014 for Unit 2 to 2036 and 2034 respectively.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the Brunswick Media Center, located at 8520 River Road, S.E., in Southport. NRC officials will be available prior to the close of the meeting to answer questions from interested observers.

NRC officials say the inspection is designed to verify that the company's license renewal program is being implemented consistent with its license renewal application and pertinent regulations. Subsequent NRC inspections, if necessary, will verify that programs are in place to manage the material condition of the plant's systems, structures and components.

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