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NRC TO HOLD REGULATORY PERFORMANCE MEETING WITH DUKE AT OCONEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON OCTOBER 19

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a Regulatory Performance Meeting with officials of Duke Energy at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) on Friday, October 19, to discuss performance deficiencies and proposed corrective actions associated with regulatory findings at the Oconee Nuclear Station, located near Seneca, South Carolina.

The meeting will be open to observation by the public and will be held in the Oconee Training Center, located adjacent to the plant.

The NRC will discuss with Duke two regulatory findings at Oconee determined by the agency's significance determination process to be White, with low to moderate importance to safety. The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color coded significance determination process which classifies regulatory findings as being in one of four color categories, Green, White, Yellow or Red. Each category denotes increasing regulatory safety significance as they progress from Green to Red.

One NRC White finding involves the inability at all three Oconee units to align the station auxiliary service water pump to supply lake water to the steam generators in sufficient time to mitigate a major tornado event. The other White finding involves reduced ability at Unit 1 to provide reactor coolant makeup (replacement) water, via a high pressure injection pump taking a suction from the spent fuel pool, following a tornado.

NRC officials will be available at the end of the meeting to answer questions from interested observers who may attend.

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