



NRC NEWS

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Public Affairs, Region I
475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pa.

www.nrc.gov

No. I-06-043

Contact: Diane Screnci, 610/337-5330
Neil Sheehan, 610/337-5331

July 27, 2006

Email: opa1@nrc.gov

NRC PROPOSES \$65,000 FINE FOR VIOLATION AT SEABROOK STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed to fine FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC, \$65,000 for a violation related to security requirements at Seabrook Station in Seabrook, N.H. The issues were corrected immediately and the plant remains secure.

In Spring 2005, the NRC dispatched a special inspection team to Seabrook after a routine security inspection found issues at the site in May. This enforcement action stems from those inspections and additional NRC follow-up. Immediately upon identification of the issues, FPL took actions to address them. NRC inspectors have reviewed the company's corrective actions and found them to be in compliance with NRC security requirements.

The NRC has cited the company for the failure to maintain complete and accurate records of test results and proposed a \$65,000 fine. A second violation that occurred, in part due to inadequate management oversight, has been characterized by the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process as low-to-moderate security significance. There was no additional fine associated with this violation.

NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins said, "The action was necessary to emphasize the importance of oversight and corporate support of the installation and testing of equipment, as well as maintaining complete and accurate records of such testing."

The company has 30 days from receipt of the Notice of Violation to either pay the civil penalty or to protest it, in whole or in part.

The NRC routinely conducts inspections of security at the nation's nuclear power plants. The details of those inspections are not publicly available because certain security information could be useful to an adversary.

###