



NRC NEWS

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Public Affairs, Region II
61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta GA 30303
Web Site: www.nrc.gov

No: II-07-047

CONTACT: Ken Clark (404)562-4416
Roger Hannah (404)562-4417

September 20, 2007

E-mail: OPA2@nrc.gov

NRC TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT SEPT. 27 IN WAYNESBORO AS PART OF VOGTLE NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Public comments on any potential environmental impacts from license renewal at the Vogtle nuclear power plant near Waynesboro, Ga., will be accepted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff during two meetings on Thursday, Sept. 27. The meetings are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Augusta Technical College's Waynesboro campus on Highway 24 South.

There will be an "open house" one hour before each meeting to allow interested people to ask questions or talk informally with NRC staff. However, formal comments on environmental issues the NRC should consider during its review should be expressed during the transcribed meetings.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company submitted an application to the NRC in June this year seeking an additional 20 years of operation for both units at the Vogtle plant. The current operating licenses for Vogtle Units 1 and 2 expire on Jan. 16, 2027, and Feb. 9, 2029, respectively.

During its review of the application, the NRC staff will prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS). The comments provided at the meetings on Sept. 27 will be considered as that report is being developed. When the draft version of the report is completed, the NRC staff will once again meet with the public to solicit comments on that document. Following consideration of those comments, a final EIS will be prepared.

More information on the Vogtle license renewal application and review is available on the NRC's web site at:

www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/vogtle.html.

###

News releases are available through a free *listserv* subscription at the following Web address: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/listserver.html>. The NRC home page at www.nrc.gov also offers a **SUBSCRIBE** link. E-mail notifications are sent to subscribers when news releases are posted to NRC's Web site.