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NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Violation At Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with officials from Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp. April. 30 to discuss a preliminary inspection finding associated with emergency preparedness at the Wolf Creek nuclear plant. The plant is located near Burlington, Kan.

The 2 p.m. meeting at the NRC's Region IV office at 1600 E. Lamar Blvd, Arlington, Texas, is open to the public. NRC officials will answer questions from the public after the business portion of the conference. A telephone bridge will be available for the meeting by calling 1-888-324-3612 and entering passcode 1383890.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear plants with a color-coded process that classifies inspection findings as green, white, yellow or red in order of increasing safety significance. The NRC has preliminarily determined that the emergency preparedness finding had low to moderate safety significance, or was "white."

NRC inspectors observed and evaluated a regularly scheduled emergency preparedness exercise at the site on Nov. 5, 2013. During the exercise, the NRC found that the licensee had not addressed a previously identified error involving software used to assess offsite radiation dose during a plant emergency. Dose assessment is a key component of a plant operator's emergency response and it is important that it be accurate.

The NRC [report](#) details the inspection findings. No decision on the final safety significance of the findings or any additional NRC actions will be made at the conference. That decision will be announced at a later time.