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NRC, Tennessee Valley Authority Meeting May 5 in Rockville, MD to Discuss Emergency Planning for Proposed Clinch River Site

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) representatives on Tuesday, May 5, in Rockville, Md., to discuss parts of TVA's proposed application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at TVA's Clinch River, Tenn. site.

The meeting will be from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in room O4B6 of the NRC's One White Flint building at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. The meeting will cover TVA's proposed approach to emergency planning for the permit application. The permit would cover environmental and some site safety aspects of the utility's plans for small modular reactors at the site, approximately 15 miles west of Knoxville, Tenn.

TVA's emergency planning approach for the ESP could involve requesting exemptions to the NRC's emergency preparedness regulations. If approved, the exemptions would allow TVA to use a smaller planning zone than currently considered for nuclear power plants. If the NRC ultimately issues an Early Site Permit for the site, TVA would have to apply for a separate license to build and operate a reactor at the site.

The meeting will include a teleconference line for those unable to attend. Anyone needing call-in information should contact Joseph Williams at 301-415-1470 or joseph.williams@nrc.gov by May 4 to ensure adequate phone lines are available.