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**NRC CHAIRMAN TO VISIT DUKE POWER NUCLEAR PLANTS**

**Press Conference Scheduled On Thursday, July 25**

**At 4:30 p.m. at Catawba Nuclear Power Plant**

The Chairman of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, will visit Duke Power company's Catawba and McGuire nuclear power plants this week and will be available to meet with news media representatives on Thursday, July 25 at Catawba at 4:30 p.m. in Room 153 of the plant administration building.

Her schedule calls for visits to Catawba on July 25 and to McGuire on July 26. She will tour the facilities with the NRC resident inspectors and Duke managers and hold discussions with company representatives related to operations at the two plants. She will be available to meet with news media representatives following her tour of Catawba, located near Rock Hill, South Carolina, about 20 miles south of Charlotte.

Dr. Jackson, a theoretical physicist, became an NRC commissioner on May 2, 1995 and was named Chairman two months later on July 1. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in physics in 1968 and a Ph.D. in the field of theoretical elementary particle physics in 1973, both from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She conducted research in theoretical physics, solid state and quantum physics, and optical physics for a number of years at AT&T Bell Laboratories and was a Professor of Physics at Rutgers University when appointed to the NRC.

She is the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate from MIT, the first African-American to become an NRC Commissioner and the first woman and the first African-American to serve as NRC Chairman.

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