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NRC SCHEDULES SPECIAL INSPECTION EXIT MEETING  
AT CRYSTAL RIVER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public exit meeting at Florida Power Corporation's Crystal River nuclear power plant to discuss the results of an NRC Integrated Performance Assessment Process (IPAP) inspection at the plant. That meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, at 10:00 a.m.

The IPAP is a four-phase process for evaluating the safety performance of licensees that operate nuclear power plants. The NRC developed the process over a two-year period between 1994 and 1995 and it was implemented in September 1995. It is conducted at each plant once every four years by a team of senior inspectors who are independent of the day-to-day oversight of the plant.

The four phases of the IPAP are: (1) an in-office review of documents relating to plant performance over a two year period and a preliminary report issued to licensee; (2) an onsite inspection and validation of licensee performance; (3) completion of final analysis and development of inspection recommendations, and issuance of a final report; and (4) an evaluation of the effectiveness and implementation of regulatory programs.

The IPAP allows the NRC to develop a perspective of licensee strengths and weaknesses, to validate preliminary conclusions, to develop inspection recommendations, and to develop feedback on NRC regulatory programs.

The August 6 exit meeting marks the end of the onsite phase of the Crystal River IPAP and will be attended by NRC staff from the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, the Region II office in Atlanta and the resident inspectors' office at the Crystal River plant.

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