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NRC INSPECTION TEAM AT CATAWBA TO BRIEF DUKE ENERGY OFFICIALS ON FRIDAY

Meeting Will Be Open To Observation By The Public

A team of Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspectors, dispatched to Duke Energy's Catawba nuclear power plant near Rock Hill, S.C. last Monday to review circumstances associated with a May 7 event, will brief company officials on their preliminary findings at 11:00 a.m. (EDT) on Friday, May 15 at the plant site. The briefing will be open to observation by the public and the press, and NRC officials will be available at its conclusion to answer observers' questions.

NRC officials said no accident occurred. However, agency inspectors formed an Augmented Inspection Team to inspect and review circumstances associated with the event. The NRC's interest is in learning how a failure in the unit's non safety-related secondary condensate system resulted in operators declaring inoperable all trains of the safety-related auxiliary feedwater system.

The meeting will be held at the Catawba site in Room 153 of the plant administration building.