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NRC STAFF TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 8 AT OCONEE
TO DISCUSS INSPECTION FINDINGS ON SEPTEMBER 24 EVENT

The leader of an NRC Augmented Inspection Team (AIT), which has been reviewing events associated with a steam line rupture at the Oconee nuclear power plant on September 24 which injured seven workers, will review the team's preliminary findings with Duke Power Company managers in a meeting at the plant on Tuesday, October 8.

The meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the plant visitor center and will be open for observation by interested members of the public and the press.

NRC officials will be available at the meeting's conclusion to answer any questions observers may have.

The AIT was formed to establish facts associated with the event and to identify these facts in a report to be made public within the next 30 days. Agency officials will make decisions related to possible noncompliance with NRC requirements after a review of the report is complete.

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