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NRC STAFF TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS INSPECTION OF McGUIRE AND CATAWBA PLANTS' LICENSE RENEWAL PROGRAMS

Officials of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with Duke Energy management at 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 26 at the Duke Energy corporate offices, 526 S. Church Street in Charlotte, to present the results of the NRC's second inspection of the Duke Energy license renewal programs for the company's McGuire plant north of Charlotte and its Catawba plant south of Charlotte near York, South Carolina.

Duke Energy filed a joint application to renew the operating licenses of the two units at McGuire and the two units at Catawba in June last year. Duke's Oconee plant near Seneca, South Carolina, was the first plant in the southeast to file for license renewal and received a license extension for its three units from the NRC in May 2000.

NRC officials said a report on the second inspection will be issued approximately 45 days after the meeting and will be available to the public.

The meeting is between the NRC and Duke but is open to observation by interested members of the public. NRC officials will also be available prior to its conclusion to answer any questions observers may have.

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