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NRC TO DISCUSS PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct two public meetings on Wednesday, June 27, to discuss the agency's review process for the license renewal application for the Indian Point nuclear power plant. The application, which was received by the NRC on April 30, 2007, seeks an additional 20 years of service for the Buchanan, N.Y., plant, which has two operating reactors.

The meetings will take place at the Colonial Terrace, 119 Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. (Directions are available at: <http://www.colonialterracecaterers.com/directions.htm>.) Attendees are advised that parking may be limited. The first session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 3 p.m., as necessary. The second session, which will offer the same presentations as the earlier one, will get under way at 7 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m., as needed.

Both meetings will begin with NRC staff presentations on how the overall license renewal review process works. Following the presentations, attendees will be able to offer their comments.

"These meetings will afford interested citizens the chance to learn details of how our reviews of license renewal applications are carried out," NRC License Renewal Branch Chief Rani Franovich said. "We should also note that this is just the first of what will be multiple opportunities for the public to engage the NRC with regard to the Indian Point application."

In conjunction with those meetings, the NRC will conduct an informational open house at the same facility starting at 1 p.m. on the same day. It will provide an opportunity for members of the public to discuss with agency staffers, in an informal manner, topics not necessarily related to license renewal but germane to the NRC's oversight role. Several informational booths will be available on subjects that include NRC oversight, groundwater characterization efforts, spent fuel storage, emergency preparedness and the role of the NRC.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating license for the Indian Point 2 nuclear plant is due to expire on Sept. 28, 2013, and Indian Point 3's on Dec. 12, 2015. Both units are owned and operated by Entergy Nuclear Northeast.

Indian Point 1 was permanently shut down in 1974.

A copy of the Indian Point license renewal application is available via the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/indian-point.html>. In addition, copies of the application are available at the following area libraries: The White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains, N.Y.; the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, N.Y.; and the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, N.Y.