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NRC MEETING WITH PUBLIC MAY 1 ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR LEE NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting Thursday, May 1, in Gaffney, S.C., to discuss the agency's review of a Combined License (COL) application for two new reactors proposed for the Lee site near Gaffney, and the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing the application.

The NRC will meet with the public from 7 - 11 p.m. at the Gaffney High School Auditorium, 149 Twin Lake Road in Gaffney. The NRC will transcribe the meeting, including any follow-up answers the staff provides after the meeting, and post the information on the agency's Web page for the Lee application at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/lee.html>.

NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during an "open house" session from 5 - 7 p.m. No formal comments on the environmental review will be accepted during the open house.

Duke Energy submitted the application Dec. 13, 2007, seeking approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 35 miles southwest of Charlotte, N.C.

The AP1000 is a Westinghouse-designed 1,100 MWe pressurized-water reactor the NRC certified in 2006. Westinghouse submitted an application in May 2007 to amend the certified design in order to: 1) revise the reactor's pressurizer, 2) resolve several issues that would otherwise be left to COL applicants, and 3) voluntarily address the NRC's proposed rule on aircraft impact assessments. The amendment application (minus proprietary or security-related details), will be available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html>.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting should contact Linda Tello by telephone at 800-368-5642 x2907, or via e-mail at: Lee.COLAEIS@nrc.gov by April 18. Those with special needs for attending or presenting

information at the meeting should notify the staff by that time. Those wishing to speak may also register at the meeting no later than 6:45 p.m. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process. Comments should be submitted no later than May 20, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, via e-mail at Lee.COLAEIS@nrc.gov, or hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on federal workdays.

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