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NRC TO DISCUSS PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF INSPECTION FOR INDIAN POINT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION ON JUNE 18

During a public meeting on Wednesday, June 18, Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will present the preliminary results from a team inspection conducted as part of the agency's ongoing review of the Indian Point nuclear power plant's license renewal application. Indian Point, located in Buchanan (Westchester County), N.Y., and home to two operating reactors, is owned and run by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Colonial Terrace, 119 Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. NRC staff will discuss the preliminary results with plant management and then provide a question-and-answer session for the public. Prior to the meeting, the NRC staff will conduct an informational poster-board open house. That session, set for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in a room adjoining the main meeting room, will provide interested members of the public with an opportunity to discuss issues related to the license renewal review on a one-on-one basis with NRC staff.

"This meeting is one in a series of meetings the NRC is conducting in the vicinity of the plant regarding the agency's review of the Indian Point license renewal application," NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins said. "We believe that thorough and comprehensive programs for managing the effects of aging on key plant safety systems, structures and components are an essential ingredient for any plant seeking a license renewal and therefore warrant close scrutiny, including independent on-site review and verification by the NRC."

The focus of the formal meeting will be to discuss with Entergy the results of the inspection, which was carried out by the NRC earlier this year. On a sampling basis, the NRC team inspected the plant's aging management programs as they are applied to systems, structures and components within the scope of license renewal. The team also inspected whether non-safety-related systems, structures and components were properly scoped and screened to ensure they are appropriately addressed.

The results of the inspection will be factored into the agency's overall decision on the plant's license renewal application.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a commercial nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. The license can be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating license for the Indian Point 2 is due to expire on Sept. 28, 2013, the license for Indian Point 3 on Dec. 12, 2015.

In April 2007, Entergy submitted an application to extend the reactors' operation by 20 years each.

Additional information concerning license renewal in general and the Indian Point application in particular can be found at: www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html.

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