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NRC PUBLIC MEETING NOV. 18 IN ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA., TO DISCUSS REVIEW PROCESS FOR NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct a public meeting in St. Francisville, La., on Tuesday, Nov. 18, to discuss how the agency will review a Combined License (COL) application for a new reactor at the River Bend site, about 24 miles northwest of Baton Rouge, La.

The applicant, Entergy, is seeking a license to build and operate an Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at River Bend. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/river-bend.html>.

NRC staff will hold the meeting in the Auditorium of the W. Feliciana Parish High School, 8604 US Highway 61 in St. Francisville, from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. NRC staff presentations will describe the overall Combined License review process, which includes safety and environmental assessments, as well as how the public can participate in the process. The NRC will host an open house for an hour prior to the meeting so members of the public have the opportunity to talk informally with agency staff.

A COL, if issued, provides authorization from the NRC to construct and, with conditions, operate a nuclear power plant at a specific site and in accordance with laws and regulations. More information on the NRC's new reactor licensing process is available on the agency's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors.html>.

The NRC is currently reviewing the ESBWR, a 1,500 MWe natural-circulation boiling water reactor incorporating passive safety systems, for possible certification. Information on the design is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert/esbwr.html>.

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