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NRC TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION FOR THREE MILE ISLAND 1 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON FEB. 5

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the results of an inspection of the proposed aging-management approach for the Three Mile Island 1 nuclear power plant on Thursday, Feb. 5, during a meeting with the facility's management. The team inspection is part of an ongoing NRC review of an application seeking a 20-year license extension for the plant, located in Middletown (Dauphin County), Pa.

The meeting with representatives of the plant's owner, Exelon, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, at 4650 Lindle Road in Harrisburg, Pa. After a discussion of the inspection results, NRC staff will provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to ask questions about the review prior to the meeting's adjournment.

Under NRC regulations, the initial operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. Companies may apply to renew those licenses for up to an additional 20 years, provided that NRC requirements are met.

The current operating license for Three Mile Island 1 is due to expire on April 19, 2014. On Jan. 8, 2008, AmerGen, the previous owner of record, submitted an application for a 20-year license extension for the plant.

NRC reviews of license renewal applications usually take about 22 months if there is no hearing involved and about 30 months if there is a hearing. In the case of Three Mile Island 1, there were no requests for a hearing on the application.

One important aspect of the NRC license renewal process is to ensure that a plant manages the effects of aging on key safety systems, structures and components through thorough monitoring and maintenance programs. At the meeting on Feb. 5, NRC staff will discuss what it found when it inspected the aging management programs proposed in the Three Mile Island 1 application.

A copy of the Three Mile Island 1 license renewal application is available via the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/three-mile-island.html>. Additional information on the NRC's license renewal process is available on the web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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