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NRC TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION FOR CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting to discuss the results of an inspection related to a request to extend the operating license for the Crystal River nuclear power plant on Friday, Aug. 14.

Progress Energy, which owns and operates the plant on the west coast of Fla. near Crystal River, has applied for a 20-year license extension for the one-unit site. The inspection is part of an ongoing review of that application.

The meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. in Room 150 of the Crystal River nuclear plant training center, located at 8200 West Venable St. in Crystal River. After a discussion of the inspection results, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public about the review.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant is issued for 40 years. Companies may apply to renew those licenses for an additional 20 years if agency requirements are met.

Progress Energy applied to the NRC on Dec. 18, 2008, to renew the license for the Crystal River reactor. If approved, the expiration date for Crystal River would be extended to Dec. 3, 2036.

The NRC license renewal review process helps 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, NRC staff will discuss what it found when it inspected the aging management programs proposed in the Crystal River application.

A copy of the Crystal River license renewal application is available on the NRC's web site at: www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/crystal-river.html. Additional information on the NRC's license renewal review process is available at: www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html.

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