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NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING FOR NOV. 8 TO DISCUSS WATTS BAR NUCLEAR UNIT 2 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 8, to discuss the status of construction at the Watts Bar nuclear plant's second unit.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. EST with a presentation by NRC staff on the Unit 2 construction schedule, including major milestones and potential challenges. After the business portion of the meeting, the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from members of the public. The meeting will be at the Comfort Inn, 2811 Decatur Pike in Athens, Tenn.

The plant is located near Spring City, Tenn., about 60 miles southwest of Knoxville. The NRC extended the construction permit for Watts Bar Unit 2 in 2008. TVA had suspended construction of the unit in 1985, but decided in August 2007 to complete the project. TVA plans to complete construction in 2013.

TVA has been operating Unit 1 at the site since 1996.

Additional information on NRC inspection and oversight of <u>Watts Bar Unit 2</u> construction activities is available on the NRC website.

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