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UPDATE: NRC Schedules Meetings to Receive Public Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Turkey Point Nuclear Units 6 and 7

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled meetings for April 22 and 23 in Miami and Homestead to allow the public to comment on its Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Florida Power & Light's application to build two new nuclear reactors at the Turkey Point site. The site is located near Homestead, about 20 miles south of Miami.

On April 22, the NRC has scheduled a public meeting from 7-10 p.m. at Florida International University's Stadium Club, 11200 SW 8th St. in Miami. On April 23, the agency has scheduled meetings from **1:30-4:30 p.m**. and 7-10 p.m. in the Reef Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2855 NE 9th St. in Homestead. All three sessions will be preceded by an informal one-hour open house, which will allow people to talk with NRC and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff.

FPL submitted an application for a combined license for the two new units in June 2009 seeking NRC approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site where the company currently operates two nuclear units.

The draft EIS includes a preliminary finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude the issuance of a combined license to build and operate the new Turkey Point units. The meetings provide the public with opportunities to submit comments on the draft EIS and its conclusions. The EIS is available on the NRC website as two documents. Volume 1 goes through chapter 7 and Volume 2 contains chapter 8 through Appendix J.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting, particularly those with special needs for attending or presenting information, should contact Alicia Williamson by telephone at 301-415-1878, or by email at Alicia.williamson@nrc.gov. The NRC will transcribe the meetings and members of the public may also submit comments in writing before and after the meetings.