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NRC SCHEDULES REGULATORY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS APPARENT VIOLATION AT SURRY NUCLEAR STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a regulatory conference with officials of Dominion on Thursday, April 19 to discuss an apparent violation of plant technical specifications related to Surry Unit 2 reactor coolant system level indications.

NRC and Dominion officials will discuss the significance of the inspection finding, which involved the failure of the company to provide appropriate maintenance procedures for a standpipe that indicates coolant levels during maintenance activities when the amount of water is reduced. The finding did not represent an immediate safety concern but an NRC analysis of the issue did find an increase in risk during some operations.

The regulatory conference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. EDT in the NRC's Region II office, located at 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE., Suite 1200, in Atlanta. The public is invited to observe and NRC officials will be available to answer questions.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color-coded system which classifies findings as green, white, yellow or red, in increasing order of safety significance. The NRC's preliminary evaluation determined that the violation at Surry was "white," which means it has a low to moderate safety significance.

No decisions on the final safety significance or other NRC actions will be made at the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

The NRC inspection report in which the apparent violation is documented is publicly available online at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The number to access the report is ML120730510.

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