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LEVY COUNTY APPLICATION FOR NEW REACTORS AVAILABLE ON NRC WEBSITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today made available the public version of a combined license (COL) application for two new reactors at the Levy County site near Crystal River, Fla.

The applicant, Progress Energy, submitted the application and associated information July 30. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/levy.html>.

The Progress COL application seeks approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 10 miles northeast of Crystal River. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse-designed 1,100 MWe pressurized-water reactor the NRC certified in 2006. The agency is currently reviewing a Westinghouse application, submitted in May 2007, to amend the certified design. More information regarding the review is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html>.

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial check of the application to determine whether it contains sufficient information required for a formal review. If the application passes the initial check, the NRC will "docket," or officially accept it for review; this decision is expected in October. If the application is accepted for formal review, the NRC will then announce an opportunity for the public to participate in an adjudicatory hearing on the application.

The NRC is currently reviewing nine COL applications for sites in Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina (two sites), Texas and Virginia. In addition to Levy County, the agency is also conducting an acceptance check on an application for the Callaway site in Missouri. The agency expects an additional six applications in 2008. Information about the new reactor licensing process is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html>.

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