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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING WITH DUKE ENERGY TO DISCUSS INSPECTION FINDING AT OCONEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting with Duke Energy officials on Monday, Feb. 6 to discuss the risk significance of an NRC inspection finding at the company's Oconee nuclear plant near Seneca, S.C.

The inspection finding involved a failure to promptly identify and correct a discrepancy between the Oconee Unit 3 control room's exterior wall as it is constructed and the way it is described in the plant's licensing documents. This particular discrepancy relates to the control room's ability to withstand damage from a tornado, and has been preliminarily designated by the NRC staff as "greater than green" (having more than very low safety significance).

The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the NRC's Region II office, located on the 24th floor of the Atlanta Federal Center at 61 Forsyth Street SW in Atlanta. The public is invited to attend to observe and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.

No decisions on the final safety significance, apparent violations or possible enforcement action will be made during the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

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