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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION AT THE DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting Jan. 27 to discuss the results of a license renewal inspection conducted at the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant, located near San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The NRC staff will describe the purpose and scope of the inspection, which is designed to independently verify Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s ability to manage the effects of aging on plant systems, structures, and components for an additional 20 years of operation beyond the expiration date of their current licenses.

The inspection report is available in the NRC's ADAMS online documents system at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> by entering accession number ML103220205 in the search window. Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the NRC's Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at: PDR.resource@nrc.gov.

This meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, Grand Ballroom, 1605 Calle Joaquin Road, San Luis Obispo. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of the NRC staff during the meeting.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met.

The plant is located in Avila Beach, 12 miles from San Luis Obispo. The current operating licenses for Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 expire on Nov. 2, 2024, and Aug. 26, 2025, respectively. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. submitted the renewal application on Nov. 23, 2009 for both units. The application is available on the NRC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/reactors/licensing/renewal/applications.html>.

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