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## LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD HEARING OCT. 31 ON PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN LEVY COUNTY, FLA.

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hold a hearing on Oct. 31 in Bronson, Fla., concerning a challenge by two environmental groups to the Combined License application for two new nuclear power reactors in Levy County, Fla. The ASLB is the independent body within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that conducts adjudicatory hearings and renders decisions on legal challenges to licensing actions.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. EDT on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Levy County Courthouse, 355 S. Court St. in Bronson. If necessary, the ASLB will adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. October 31 and will resume at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1. Members of the public and media are welcome to observe the evidentiary hearing, but participation in the hearing will be limited to the parties and their lawyers and witnesses. Those planning to attend the evidentiary hearing should arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time for security screening, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases or backpacks. No signs will be permitted in the courtroom.

This hearing involves Progress Energy Florida's application to build two new AP1000 reactors at a site in Levy County approximately 10 miles northeast of Crystal River, Fla. Two environmental groups, the Nuclear Information and Resource Service and the Ecology Party of Florida, have filed a legal challenge opposing the application. The groups argue that the NRC's [Final Environmental Impact Statement](#) for the proposed reactors fails to adequately analyze and discuss impacts on wetlands, floodplains, special aquatic sites, and other waters associated with the site. This challenge will be the sole subject of the evidentiary hearing.

Documents related to the [Levy County application](#) are available on the NRC website. Documents regarding this ASLB proceeding are available on the NRC's [Electronic Hearing Docket](#) by clicking on the folder entitled "Levy\_County\_52-029&52-030-COL" on the left side of the page. More information about the [role of the ASLB](#) in the licensing process is available on the NRC website.

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