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NRC TO MEET WITH PROGRESS ENERGY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Progress Energy officials on Tuesday, May 10, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the Crystal River nuclear power plant near Crystal River, Fla.

The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Crystal River Nuclear Operations Training Facility, 8200 W. Venable Street in Crystal River. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before its conclusion to answer any questions.

The NRC told Progress Energy that the Crystal River plant operated safely during 2004 and that plant performance was at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight beyond routine inspections. A letter from the NRC to Progress Energy detailing the results of the evaluation is available from Region II Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/cr 2004q4.pdf.

Dr. William Travers, Administrator of the NRC Region II office in Atlanta, said "each year the NRC staff rates the performance of the Crystal River plant and all of the nation's other commercial nuclear plants. This gives us a chance to discuss our assessment with the company, with local officials and with residents near the plant. Our aim is to make this information available to the public and answer any questions people may have about our oversight."

Current performance indicators for Crystal River are available at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/CR3/cr3 chart.html.

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