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NRC SETS PUBLIC MEETING WITH FARLEY ON SEPT. 20 IN DOTHAN TO DISCUSS INSPECTION OF COOLING WATER SYSTEM BREAKER FAILURES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting with Farley nuclear power plant officials on Sept. 20 in Dothan, Ala., to discuss preliminary results of a five-member inspection team's review of Component Cooling Water System breaker failures.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. (CDT) in the County Commissioners Chambers on the Third Floor of the Houston County Administration Building, located at 462 North Oats Street.

The NRC dispatched what the agency calls an Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) to Farley on Sept. 10 to review the failures of electrical breakers for component cooling water pumps. The component cooling water system does not provide cooling water for the reactor. It circulates water through a closed system to cool other plant systems and components.

On Sept. 4 and 5, two different electrical breakers associated with component cooling water pumps on Unit 1 failed to close during testing. The breakers were replaced, and the company is trouble shooting the failures. NRC officials said that, because Farley has experienced previous breaker issues, and this condition has the potential to be applicable to similar breakers in safety-related systems on both Unit 1 and Unit 2, the agency determined that an AIT, formed to review circumstances surrounding more significant issues at NRC-licensed facilities, was appropriate.

The meeting is open to the public, and interested observers will have an opportunity to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.

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