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LICENSING BOARD ADDS PREHEARING CONFERENCE APRIL 28 ON VOGTLE SITE PERMIT, EXTENDS PRE-REGISTRATION

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB), an independent judicial arm of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, has added a prehearing conference to its April 27-28 sessions in Augusta, Ga., concerning an Early Site Permit (ESP) application for the Vogtle site near Waynesboro, Ga.

The Board will hear presentations, starting at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 28, from NRC staff and the applicant, Southern Nuclear Operating Co., about possible interconnections between the ESP and Combined License (COL) processes. Southern recently filed a COL application for two new reactors referencing the Vogtle ESP site. The Board will also give several public interest groups the opportunity to address any parts of the presentations that are relevant to the ESP proceeding.

Members of the public now have until noon on April 25 to pre-register for "oral limited appearance statement sessions" before the ASLB concerning the ESP application. As announced in the NRC's March 25 [press release](#), the ASLB will conduct the sessions Sunday, April 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, and Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. EDT. The Board will hold the prehearing conference and comment sessions at the DoubleTree Hotel and Convention Center, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, Ga. Updates to the sessions' scheduling information will appear on the NRC Web site at www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm, and will be available by phone at (800) 368-5642 x5036, or (301) 415-5036.

Members of the public who pre-register will receive priority to speak at the meetings. Written pre-registration requests must be e-mailed to the ASLB by noon EDT on Friday, April 25. Each request must specify the session (Sunday or Monday) at which the requester wishes to make an oral statement. The Board reserves the right to conclude a session ahead of the scheduled ending time if all speakers present have made a presentation. Anyone wishing to submit a written request to make an oral statement may do so by e-mail to map4@nrc.gov and gpb@nrc.gov, by fax to (301) 415-5599, or by mail to: Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop: T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

The ASLB strongly advises those attending the prehearing conference or comment sessions to arrive early to allow time for security screening. The Board also requests attendees avoid bringing unnecessary hand-carried items, such as packages, briefcases, backpacks, or other items that might need individual examination. Attendees will not be able to store such items outside the rooms, and items requiring inspection could delay a person's admission to a session. Items that could readily be used as weapons are banned from the room where these sessions will be held. The ASLB's rules limit signs to 18 square inches, and signs may not be attached to sticks, held above one's head, or moved about in the room. Attempting to disrupt the prehearing conference or the sessions will not be tolerated.

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