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NRC MEETING IN BLAIR, S.C., MARCH 28 TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF SUMMER NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting Saturday, March 28, in Blair, S.C., to discuss the agency's process for reviewing environmental issues related to a Combined License (COL) application for two new reactors proposed for the Summer site near Columbia, S.C.

The NRC will meet with the public from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the McCrorey-Liston Elementary School, 1978 State Hwy 215 South in Blair. The meeting's informal open house format will allow the community near Blair and Jenkinsville, S.C., to ask questions regarding the NRC's process for creating an environmental impact statement for the Summer COL application.

South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) and Santee Cooper submitted the application March 31, 2008, seeking permission to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the Summer site. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse-designed 1,100 MWe pressurized-water reactor the NRC certified in 2006. Westinghouse submitted an application in May 2007 to amend the certified design. The amendment application (minus proprietary or security-related details) is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html>.

The NRC held public meetings near the Summer site in late January to gather public input on the environmental issues associated with the Summer COL, and the staff is currently accepting additional written comments. Comments should be submitted no later than April 6, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or via e-mail at Summer.COLEIS@nrc.gov.

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