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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL; MEETINGS APRIL 16

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold two public meetings on Thursday, April 16, in Crystal River, Fla., to discuss the agency's environmental review of the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant license renewal application.

The Crystal River plant's single pressurized-water reactor is located approximately seven miles northwest of Crystal River. The current operating license expires Dec. 3, 2016. The plant's owner, Florida Power Corporation, submitted the license renewal application Dec. 16, 2008.

"This is the first of several opportunities for the Crystal River community to let us know what issues the NRC should look at while we review the potential environmental impacts of renewing the license," said Sam Lee, deputy director in the NRC's Division of License Renewal. "We'll consider all the comments and publish them in a 'scoping summary' as we move forward with our review."

The staff will start the first session at 2 p.m., and the second session at 7 p.m., at the Plantation Inn Resort, 9301 West Fort Island Trail in Crystal River. The staff will describe the agency's process for reviewing license renewal applications, followed by the opportunity for audience members to comment on issues they feel the agency should consider as the Crystal River review continues. NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with the public during "open house" sessions an hour before both meetings; formal comments on the renewal review will only be accepted during the meetings.

The application is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/crystal-river.html> and a copy is also available at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River.

Members of the public may register to present oral comments at this meeting by April 13 by contacting Elaine Keegan at (800) 368-5642, ext. 8517, or by email at elaine.keegan@nrc.gov. Those who wish to make comments may also register at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Those with special needs should contact the telephone or e-mail address above no later than April 10.

Members of the public may send written comments on issues to be considered in the Crystal River renewal environmental review by May 15 to: Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB 5B-01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or via e-mail to crystalriverEIS@nrc.gov.

Additional information on the license renewal process is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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