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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS 2008 PERFORMANCE OF ROBINSON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, April 29 to discuss and answer questions about the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2008 at the Robinson nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by Progress Energy, is located near Hartsville, S.C. about 26 miles northwest of Florence.

The meeting will begin with an open house and poster session at 5 p.m. and NRC staff will be available to answer questions on the safety performance of the Robinson plant, as well as the NRC role in ensuring safe plant operation. At 7 p.m., there will be a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session.

The meeting will be held in the Hartsville Public Library at 147 W. College Avenue in Hartsville.

"Throughout the year, we inspect and review the performance of the Robinson plant and all commercial nuclear plants," NRC Region II Administrator Luis Reyes said. "We issue several inspection reports during the year and an overall annual assessment. This open house allows us to discuss that assessment with local officials and people near the plant, and answer any questions they may have."

A letter sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2008 and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/rob_2008q4.pdf.

The NRC found that the Robinson plant met all NRC safety objectives during 2008, and performance was at a level that resulted in no additional NRC oversight.

This year, the NRC plans to continue to conduct the very detailed inspections required at those plants operating well. Those inspections are by NRC resident inspectors assigned to the site supplemented by more specific inspections completed by region-based NRC inspectors. In

addition to the detailed routine inspections, the agency will complete some generic inspections ranging from operator licensing examinations to spent fuel storage to ground water protection at Robinson in 2009.

Current performance information for the Robinson plant is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ROB2/rob2_chart.html.

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