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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS 2010 PERFORMANCE OF SURRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, April 6, to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2010 at the Surry nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by Dominion, is near Surry, Va. about 17 miles northwest of Newport News.

The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. at the Surry Government Center, 45 School Street, Surry, Va. After a brief presentation at 5 p.m., NRC staff will be available to answer questions on the safety performance of the Surry plant last year, as well as the NRC role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"Each year, the NRC evaluates the safety performance of nuclear plants in a detailed and systematic way," NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree said. "The inspections and oversight at Surry ensure that the plant is operated in a way that protects people near the plant as well as the environment."

A letter sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2010 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/sur_2010q4.pdf.

The NRC found that the performance of both units at the Surry plant met all of the agency's safety objectives in 2010 and was at a level that results in no additional NRC oversight. In 2010, all NRC inspection findings and performance indicators were "green" at the Surry plant.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess plant performance. The colors start with "green," which has very low safety significance, to "white," which means low to moderate safety significance, to "yellow" or "red," based on the significance of the issues. Inspection findings and performance indicators are updated on the NRC's web site (www.nrc.gov) each quarter.

This year, the NRC plans to continue to conduct the very detailed inspections at Surry required at those plants that are operating well. In addition, the agency will complete some

generic inspections related to managing gas accumulation in emergency core cooling, decay heat removal and containment spray systems.

Current performance information for Surry Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SUR1/sur1_chart.html. Current performance information for Unit 2 is at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SUR2/sur2_chart.html.

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