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NRC MEETING APRIL 15 IN VICTORIA, TEXAS, TO DISCUSS REVIEW PROCESS FOR EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct a public meeting in Victoria, Texas, on Thursday, April 15, to discuss how the agency will review an Early Site Permit (ESP) application for the Victoria County site, about 13 miles south of Victoria. The applicant, Exelon, submitted its ESP application today.

“We’ve spoken before with residents in and around Victoria regarding Exelon’s activities, and we’re coming back to explain what’s now being proposed and how we’ll review the application,” said David Matthews, Director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing in the NRC’s Office of New Reactors.

The NRC will hold the meeting in the Mini Dome of the Victoria Community Center, 2905 E North St. in Victoria, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. NRC staff presentations will describe the overall ESP review process, which includes safety and environmental assessments, as well as how the public can participate in the process. The NRC will host an open house for an hour prior to the meeting so members of the public have the opportunity to talk informally with agency staff.

An NRC decision to issue an ESP means the site is suitable for a nuclear power facility, contingent on the approval of an additional application for a construction permit or combined license. An ESP is valid for 10 to 20 years and can potentially be renewed for an additional 10 to 20 years. More information on the NRC’s new reactor licensing process is available on the agency’s Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors.html>.

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