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NRC SCHEDULES CONFERENCE WITH DUKE ENERGY TO DISCUSS OCONEE NUCLEAR PLANT ISSUES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting in Atlanta on July 13 to discuss with officials of Duke Energy, operators of the Oconee nuclear plant, the safety significance of apparent violations of NRC requirements linked to problems with the plant's standby shutdown system.

The plant is located near Seneca, S.C., about 30 miles west of Greenville.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. EDT at the NRC Region II office in Atlanta, located at 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE, Suite 1200. The meeting will be open to observation and participation by the public and, at its conclusion, NRC officials will be available to answer questions. Members of the public interested in attending the meeting or participating by toll-free audio teleconferencing should contact the NRC's Jonathan Bartley at 404-997-4607 or jonathan.bartley@nrc.gov.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the safety significance of two apparent violations associated with degradation of Oconee's standby shutdown facility. The facility is intended for use when normal and emergency systems are inoperable. A third violation associated with materially incorrect information provided to the NRC from the plant's action plan to address the degradation will also be discussed.

No decision on enforcement action will be made at the meeting. NRC officials will review information presented by Duke Energy at the meeting and reach a later decision on appropriate regulatory action.

The meeting notice and an inspection report with more information on the issue are available through the Region II office or via the NRC webpage at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The number to access the inspection report is ML101600667.

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