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NRC SCHEDULES MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED LEVY COUNTY REACTORS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled meetings for Thursday, Sept. 23, in Crystal River, Fla., to hear public comments on NRC's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Progress Energy's application to build two new nuclear reactors at the Levy County site near Crystal River.

The NRC will meet with the public from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. at the Plantation Inn, 9301 West Fort Island Trail in Crystal River. Both sessions will be preceded by an informal one-hour open house which will allow people to talk with NRC and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff.

Progress submitted an application for a Combined License (COL) on July 30, 2008, with a supplement filed on Oct. 22, 2009, seeking NRC approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, located about 10 miles northeast of Crystal River. Progress currently operates one existing nuclear unit at its nearby Crystal River site.

The DEIS includes a preliminary finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude the issuance of a combined license to build and operate the Levy County units. The report is available via the NRC webpage at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting, particularly those with special needs for attending or presenting information, should contact the NRC's Douglas Bruner by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 2730, or via email at Levy.COLEIS@nrc.gov. The NRC will transcribe the meetings and members of the public may also submit comments in writing before and after the meeting.

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