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NRC TO HOLD PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE WITH ENERGY OPERATIONS NOV. 19 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a predecisional enforcement conference in Rockville, Md., on Nov. 19, with representatives of Entergy Operations to discuss apparent violations of NRC regulations regarding decommissioning funding assurance for the River Bend plant in Louisiana.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. in room O16B4 of the NRC's One White Flint North building at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. During the conference, the licensee will have an opportunity to address the apparent violations identified by the NRC during the agency's review of nuclear power plant decommissioning funds. The NRC determined Entergy's decommissioning funding plan for River Bend failed to provide adequate assurance the company would have sufficient resources to cover the estimated costs of cleaning up the River Bend site after the reactor permanently shuts down.

The public is invited to observe the meeting. NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer questions. A teleconference will be available; please contact Anneliese Simmons at 301-415-2791 or anneliese.simmons@nrc.gov by Nov. 18 for the call-in information.

The decision to hold a predecisional enforcement conference does not mean that a determination has been made that violations have occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. The purpose is to discuss the apparent violations, causes and safety significance, to provide the licensee with an opportunity to point out any errors, if any, in the NRC inspection report and to enable the company to outline its corrective actions.

No decision on the apparent violations or any contemplated enforcement action, such as a civil penalty, will be made at the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

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