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NRC SCHEDULES MEETINGS TO DISCUSS 2011 PERFORMANCE OF SUMMER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION AT NEW UNITS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled two meetings for Thursday, May 24, to discuss the safety performance in 2011 of SCE&G's V.C. Summer nuclear station and to explain the inspections and oversight process for the two new units being built near Jenkinsville, S.C., about 26 miles northwest of Columbia.

The first meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 5:30 p.m. EDT at the McCrorey-Liston Elementary School, 1978 State Highway 215 South in Blair, S.C.

A letter sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2011 and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC website at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/sum_2011q4.pdf.

The NRC found that the Summer plant met all NRC safety objectives during 2011. Based on that performance, the plant is receiving detailed baseline NRC inspections this year.

Current performance information for the Summer plant is available on the NRC website at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SUM/sum_chart.html.

At the second public meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., the NRC staff will be discussing new reactor construction oversight, including inspection, assessment, enforcement and the verification process. The NRC has three construction resident inspectors at the Summer site, supplemented by additional inspectors from the regional office in Atlanta and NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md. The agency is responsible for inspecting and verifying that new nuclear plants are constructed according to their approved design, combined license and NRC regulations.

The NRC staff issued combined operating licenses for two AP1000 reactors at the Summer site earlier this year. SCE&G submitted its application for those units in March 2008.

Additional information on the NRC construction reactor oversight process can be found at www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/oversight/crop.html.

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NOTE: Anyone wishing to take photos or use a camera to record any portion of a NRC meeting should contact the Office of Public Affairs beforehand.

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