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NRC MEETING JUNE 5 IN CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA., TO DISCUSS REVIEW PROCESS FOR EXPECTED NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct a public meeting in Crystal River, Fla., on Thursday, June 5, to discuss how the agency will review an expected Combined License (COL) application for two reactors at the Levy County site, about 10 miles northeast of Crystal River. The prospective applicant, Progress Energy, has told the NRC it intends to apply later this year for a license to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site.

“The NRC wants to ensure that communities located near potential new reactor sites know what’s being proposed,” said David Matthews, Director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing in the NRC’s Office of New Reactors. “We’re going to work with residents to help them understand the process and how they can participate, because they can provide valuable information during our reviews.”

The NRC will hold the meeting at the Plantation Golf Resort & Spa, 9301 West Fort Island Trail in Crystal River, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. NRC staff presentations will describe the overall Combined License 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.

A COL, if issued, provides authorization from the NRC to construct and, with conditions, operate a nuclear power plant at a specific site and in accordance with laws and regulations. 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-reactor-licensing.html> .

The AP1000 is a Westinghouse-designed 1,100 MWe pressurized-water reactor the NRC certified in 2006. The agency is currently reviewing a Westinghouse application, submitted in May 2007, to amend the certified design. More information regarding the review is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html> .

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