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NRC TO HOLD AUG. 24th PUBLIC MEETING IN LACEY TOWNSHIP, N.J., ON LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public information session on Wednesday, Aug. 24, in Lacey Township (Ocean County), N.J., to discuss how the agency will review an application for renewal of the operating license for the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant. The facility is located in Lacey and operated by AmerGen Energy Co., LLC.

Scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., the meeting will take place at Lacey Township High School, at 73 Haines St. The NRC's presentation will include information on how the process works and how the public can participate. Members of the public are invited to ask questions regarding the agency's license renewal review process.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a duration of up to 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met.

Last month, AmerGen submitted an application seeking an additional 20 years of operation for the Oyster Creek plant. The current operating license for the facility is set to expire on April 9, 2009.

The license renewal process requires that both a technical review of safety issues and an environmental review be performed for each application. The NRC staff is currently reviewing AmerGen's application to determine whether it contains enough information to begin a formal review. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally docket, or file, the application and will announce an opportunity to request a hearing.

The Oyster Creek application is posted on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/oystercreek.html#application. It is also available for review at the NRC's Public Document Room in Rockville, Md., which can be reached by phone at 800/397-4209, and at the Lacey Branch of the Ocean County Library, located at 10 E. Lacey Road.

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