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NRC TO HOLD MEETING REGARDING SALE OF LAND AT OYSTER CREEK SITE

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 20, with representatives of GPU Nuclear Corp. and the State of New Jersey to discuss GPU's planned sale of land adjacent to the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Lacey Township, N.J. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building cafeteria at the plant, which is located on Route 9.

There will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of NRC staff at the conclusion of the meeting.

GPU Nuclear, the plant's current owner, intends to sell about 600 acres of the 755-acre site. The sale will reduce the current site boundary around the plant to enclose only about 150 acres of land.

The NRC staff has been evaluating the proposed sale to determine if there are any issues that have the potential to adversely affect public health and safety, impact the environment or compromise the continued safe operation of Oyster Creek.

In a September 22 response to a request by NRC staff on September 2 for additional information regarding the proposed transaction, GPU Nuclear provided its basis for concluding the property is suitable to be released in accordance with NRC regulations, as well as the results of radiological surveys and assessments used to support this determination.

At the meeting on October 20, GPU is expected to give an overview of the proposed sale, including any effects on the operation of the plant and the results of its radiological reviews. NRC staff members will discuss the process for evaluating GPU's response, as well as the agency's inspection plans, to ensure that regulatory requirements are met and to verify that the property meets the criteria for unrestricted release.

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