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NRC PREHEARING CONFERENCE SCHEDULED
FOR OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR STATION

An NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a prehearing conference August 7 in Rockville, Maryland, in a licensing proceeding concerning a request by General Public Utility (GPU) to amend its license for the Oyster Creek nuclear generating station near Toms River, New Jersey.

The conference, which is open to the public, will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3B45, Third Floor, of the NRC Two White Flint North Building at 11545 Rockville Pike.

GPU has requested a change to Oyster Creek's license that would allow handling loads greater than the weight of one fuel assembly over irradiated fuel in the plant's spent fuel storage area.

A request for a hearing on the license change has been filed by Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Oyster Creek Nuclear Watch and Citizens Awareness Network, Inc.

Participants at the conference will discuss the issues of petitioners' standing to intervene in the proceeding and the admissibility of their contentions.

Members of the Licensing Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel: G. Paul Bollwerk, III, chairman; Dr. Charles N. Kelber and Dr. Peter S. Lam.

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