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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC. TO DISCUSS ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTIONS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with Entergy Operations, Inc., management on Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Russellville, Ark., to discuss the results of the agency's inspections of the Arkansas Nuclear One license renewal program for Unit 2. The plant, which is located near Russellville, is operated by Entergy Operations.

The meeting will be held in the Reeves E. Ritchie Training Center Auditorium at the junction of Hwy. 64 West and Hwy. 333 South from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will be open to the public for observation, and NRC officials will be available for comments and questions from the public before the meeting adjourns. A report on the inspections will be issued approximately 45 days after the meeting and will be available to the public.

"The meeting will give the NRC the opportunity to discuss the results of its inspection findings with Entergy officials and answer any questions members of the public may have about the license renewal process," NRC Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallet said.

The inspections were conducted to verify that programs are in place to identify and manage the effects of aging on the plant's systems, structures and components during the 20 additional years of operation should the NRC approve the license renewal application for Unit 2.

The NRC held a public meeting in Russellville on Nov. 18 to explain how the license renewal process works and describe opportunities for public participation. The NRC received the license renewal application for Unit 2 on Oct. 15, 2003. If approved, it would extend the operating license for Unit 2 to July 17, 2038. NRC has approved an extension of the operating license for Unit 1 until May 20, 2034.

An electronic copy of the license renewal application is available on the NRC web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/ano-2.html>.

In addition, copies of the license renewal application are available at the Arkansas Technical University's library, 305 West Q St., Russellville.

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