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NRC TO MEET WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT FARLEY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Southern Nuclear Operating Company officials on Wednesday, April 27, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the Farley nuclear power plant near Dothan, Ala.

The meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Houston County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, County Commissioners' Chambers, 462 North Oats Street, in Dothan. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer any questions.

A letter from the NRC to Southern Nuclear addresses plant safety performance during the previous year and forms the basis for the meeting discussions. It says Farley operated safely and that plant performance was at a level requiring no additional NRC inspection beyond normal during 2005.

The letter is available from Region II Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/far_2004q4.pdf.

In addition to the routine inspections, the NRC will conduct inspections of the reactor vessel head replacement, pressurizer penetration nozzles and the plant's Independent Spent Fuel (Dry Cask) Storage Installation.

The NRC Region II Administrator, Dr. William Travers, said "each year the NRC staff rates the performance of the Farley plant and all of the nation's other commercial nuclear plants. This gives us a chance to discuss our assessment with the company, with local officials and with residents near the plant. Our aim is to make this information available to the public and answer any questions people may have about our oversight."

Routine inspections are performed by NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta and the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md.

Current performance indicators for the two units at the Farley plant are available at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/FAR1/far1_chart.html and www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/FAR2/far2_chart.html

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