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NRC MEETING WITH PUBLIC JUNE 10 ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR HARRIS NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold public meetings Tuesday, June 10, in Holly Springs, N.C., to discuss the agency's review of a Combined License (COL) application for two new reactors proposed for the Shearon Harris site and the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing the application.

The NRC will meet with the public from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Holly Springs Cultural Center, 300 W Ballentine St. in Holly Springs. The NRC will transcribe the meeting, including any follow-up answers the staff provides after the meeting, and post the information on the agency's Web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/harris.html> .

NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. No formal comments on the environmental review will be accepted during these open houses.

Progress Energy submitted its application Feb. 19, seeking a license to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 20 miles southwest of Raleigh. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse-designed 1,100 MWe pressurized-water reactor the NRC certified in 2006. The agency is currently reviewing a Westinghouse application, submitted in May 2007, to amend the certified design. More information regarding the review is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html> .

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting should contact Donald Palmrose by telephone at 800-368-5642 x3803, or via e-mail at Harris.COLEIS@nrc.gov by June 3. Those with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meetings should notify the staff by June 3. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 12:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., respectively. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process, which has been extended to July 25. Comments should be submitted either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, via e-mail at Harris.COLEIS@nrc.gov, or hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on federal workdays.

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