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NRC ACCEPTS APPLICATION FOR NEW REACTORS AT LEVY COUNTY SITE IN FLORIDA

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has docketed, or accepted for review, a combined license (COL) application for two new reactors at the Levy County site near Crystal River, Fla.

Progress Energy submitted the application and associated information July 30. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html>. Progress seeks approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 10 miles northeast of Crystal River.

The AP1000 is a Westinghouse 1,100 megawatt electric pressurized-water reactor design 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-reactors/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html>.

Docketing the application does not preclude additional requests for information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will approve the license. The docket numbers established for this application are 52-029 and 52-030. The NRC will publish in the near future an opportunity to intervene in the required adjudicatory hearing for this application. Petitions to intervene in a hearing may be filed within 60 days of the notice, by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding.

Information about the new reactor licensing process is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors.html>.

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