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NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS OVERSIGHT OF NEW VOGTLE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UNITS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 to discuss the inspection and oversight process for two new nuclear units being built at Southern Nuclear's Vogtle plant site near Waynesboro, Ga., about 26 miles southeast of Augusta.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. EST at the Augusta Technical College Waynesboro/Burke Campus, 216 Highway 24 South in Waynesboro.

At the meeting, NRC staff will be providing an update and seeking public comment on the NRC's construction reactor oversight process, known as the cROP pilot program, at the Vogtle site. That program includes inspection, assessment, enforcement and the verification process to ensure that new nuclear power plants are built according to their approved design, their license and NRC regulations.

"We hope people who live near the plant site or have an interest in the process will come out to give us their feedback on our overall process for ensuring the safety of the new units," said Fred Brown, NRC Region II deputy administrator for construction.

The NRC has three construction resident inspectors at the Vogtle site, supplemented by additional inspectors from the regional office in Atlanta and NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md.

The NRC staff issued operating licenses for two AP1000 reactors at the Vogtle site in early 2012. Southern Nuclear submitted its application for those units in March 2008.

Additional information on the NRC construction reactor oversight process can be found at www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/oversight/crop.html.

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