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Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument Aug. 3 on Hearing Request for Vogtle New Reactor Amendment

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold a teleconference Wed., Aug. 3, to hear oral arguments on a hearing request regarding a license amendment request for two new reactors at the Vogtle site in Georgia. The board is the independent body within the NRC that conducts adjudicatory hearings and renders decisions on legal challenges to licensing actions.

The Board will hear arguments on contentions filed by the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and its chapter, Concerned Citizens of Shell Bluff. The contentions challenge Southern Nuclear's request to amend details of the Vogtle new reactor licenses regarding safety features called hydrogen igniters.

The teleconference will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 3, with the Board participating from the ALSB Hearing Room at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. Members of the public and media are welcome to observe the teleconference in person or listen via telephone, but participation will be limited to the parties, lawyers and witnesses. Those interested in attending or listening should contact Cooper Strickland at 301-415-5880 or Cooper.Strickland@nrc.gov by July 29. Those planning to attend should arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time for security screening. No signs or any type of demonstration will be permitted in the hearing room.

Documents related to the hearing request are available on the NRC's [Electronic Hearing Docket](#) by clicking on the folder entitled "Vogtle 52-025 and 52-026-LA-2" on the left side of the page. More information about the role of the ASLB in the licensing process is available on the [NRC website](#).