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NRC TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ISSUES, IMPROVEMENTS REGARDING LIMERICK AND PEACH BOTTOM NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Exelon Generation Company on Monday, October 1, to discuss recent emergency preparedness performance issues and program improvements at the Limerick and Peach Bottom nuclear power plants. The Limerick plant is located in Limerick, Pa., and Peach Bottom in Delta, Pa. Exelon operates both facilities.

The management meeting, which was requested by Exelon, is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the NRC's Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. It will be open to the public for observation, with NRC staff available afterwards to answer questions from interested members of the public.

Last month, the NRC cited Exelon for several occasions when the public address and evacuation alarm system at Peach Bottom was not properly maintained or did not function in accordance with the plant's emergency plan and implementing procedures. The NRC determined the issue was of low to moderate safety significance because a failed or degraded emergency on-site communications system would have prevented the plant from properly informing and alerting on-site personnel of protective actions and could have unnecessarily delayed a site evacuation.

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