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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN CONNECTICUT ON LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR MILLSTONE 2 & 3

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public information meeting on Tuesday, February 17, in Waterford, Conn., to discuss how the agency will review the application submitted by the Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., to renew the operating licenses for Millstone Units 2 and 3. The plants are located in Waterford.

The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Waterford Town Hall, 15 Rope Ferry Road in Waterford, Conn. The NRC's presentation will include information on how the process works and how the public can participate. Members of the public are invited to ask questions on the NRC's license renewal review process.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant is issued for up to 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met.

Dominion has submitted an application to renew the operating license of the Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3, for an additional 20 years. The current operating licenses for Units 2 and 3 expire on July 31, 2015, and November 25, 2025, respectively.

The license renewal process requires that both a technical review of safety issues and an environmental review be performed for each application. The NRC staff is currently reviewing Dominion's application to determine whether it contains enough information to begin the required formal review. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally docket, or file, the application and will announce an opportunity to request a hearing.

The Dominion application is posted on the NRC web page at: <u>www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/millstone.html</u>. It is also available for review at the NRC's Public Document Room in Rockville, Md., at the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road in Waterford and at the Three Rivers Community College, Thames River Campus, 574 New London Turnpike in Norwich, Conn.

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