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NRC, COMPANY TO DISCUSS LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION
CONDUCTED AT NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The results of a Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspection of the aging management program for Units 1 and 2 of the Nine Mile Point nuclear power plant will be discussed on Thursday, March 3, at a meeting between NRC officials and the facility's management. The inspection is part of an NRC review of a license renewal application for the plant, which is located in Scriba, N.Y., and operated by Constellation Energy Group. That application is still under review.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Town of Scriba Assembly Hall, 42 Creamery Road in Oswego, N.Y. Members of the public are invited to observe and will have an opportunity to pose questions to NRC officials before the session is adjourned.

In May 2004, Constellation Energy applied to the NRC for a 20-year extension of the operating licenses for the Nine Mile Point units. One important aspect of the NRC license renewal process is to ensure that a plant manages the effects of aging equipment through an effective monitoring and maintenance program. The NRC has found that a successful program will permit safe operation for an additional 20 years beyond its initial license period of 40 years.

The current operating license for Nine Mile Point Unit 1 is due to expire on Aug. 22, 2009, while the current operating license for Nine Mile Point Unit 2 is scheduled to terminate on Oct. 31, 2026.

A copy of the Nine Mile Point license renewal application is available via the NRC's web site at: www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/nine-mile-pt.html . Additional information about the license renewal process is available at: www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html .

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