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NRC MEETING WITH PUBLIC JAN. 27-28 ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FOR SUMMER NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold public meetings Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Winnsboro, S.C., and Wednesday, Jan. 28, in Blair, S.C., to discuss the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing a Combined License (COL) application for two new reactors proposed for the Summer site near Columbia, S.C.

The NRC will meet with the public on Jan. 27 from 7 – 10 p.m. at Fairfield Central High School, 836 US Highway 321 Bypass S in Winnsboro, and on Jan. 28 from 7 – 10 p.m. at McCrorey-Liston Elementary School, 1978 State Hwy 215 South in Blair. The application's environmental report is available on the agency's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/summer.html>. Copies of the report are also available at the Fairfield County Library, 300 Washington St. in Winnsboro.

NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions both evenings from 6 – 7 p.m. Formal comments on the environmental review will only be accepted during the meeting from 7 – 10 p.m.

South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) and Santee Cooper submitted the application March 31, seeking permission to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the Summer site. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse-designed 1,100 MWe pressurized-water reactor the NRC certified in 2006. Westinghouse submitted an application in May 2007 to amend the certified design. The amendment application (minus proprietary or security-related details) is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html>.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting should contact Patricia Vokoun or Mark Notich by telephone at 800-368-5642, x3470 or x3053 respectively, or via e-mail at Summer.COLEIS@nrc.gov by Jan. 20. Those with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting should notify the staff by Jan. 13. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 6:45 p.m. Individual comments may be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process. Comments should be submitted no later than March 9, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or via e-mail at Summer.COLEIS@nrc.gov.

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