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NRC SCHEDULES REGULATORY CONFERENCE WITH DUKE ENERGY TO DISCUSS OCONEE NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a regulatory conference with officials of Duke Energy on Thursday, Jan. 22, in Atlanta to discuss an inspection finding at the Oconee nuclear power plant, located near Seneca, S.C.

NRC and Duke Energy officials will discuss the significance of an inspection finding related to the apparent failure to implement an adequate maintenance procedure. That shortcoming led to a brief interruption of cooling while Unit 1 was shut down.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color-coded system which classifies findings as green, white, yellow or red, in increasing order of safety significance. The NRC's preliminary evaluation determined that this issue at McGuire is "greater than green," meaning it has more than very low safety significance.

No decisions on the final safety significance will be made at the conference. That decision will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

The regulatory conference is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. EST in the NRC's Region II office, located on the 24th floor of the Atlanta Federal Center at 61 Forsyth Street SW in Atlanta. The public is invited to observe and will have an opportunity to talk with NRC officials after the business portion, but before the meeting is over. Persons wishing to participate in this meeting by toll-free audio teleconference should contact the NRC's Robert Carroll at 404-562-4511 or robert.carroll@nrc.gov.

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