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NRC MEETING MAY 6 IN CARNEY'S POINT, N.J. TO DISCUSS REVIEW PROCESS FOR EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct a public meeting in Carney's Point, N.J. on Thursday, May 6, to discuss how the agency will review an Early Site Permit (ESP) application expected soon from PSEG for a site in New Jersey.

"We want people near Philadelphia, in southern New Jersey and in Northern Delaware to understand how we examine a site to see if it can support a nuclear power plant," said David Matthews, director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing in the NRC's Office of New Reactors. "This is the first of several opportunities the public has to take in our process."

The NRC will hold the meeting in theater at Davidow Hall on the Salem Community College campus, 460 Hollywood Ave., in Carney's Point, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Parking will only be available in Lot "A" on campus. The NRC staff presentations will describe the overall ESP review process, which includes safety and environmental assessments, as well as opportunities available to the public to participate in the process. The NRC will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. so members of the public have the opportunity to talk informally with agency staff.

An NRC decision to issue an ESP means the site is suitable for a nuclear power facility, contingent on the approval of an additional application for a construction permit or combined license. An ESP is valid for 10 to 20 years and can potentially be renewed for an additional 10 to 20 years. More information on the NRC's new reactor licensing process is available on the agency's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors.html>.

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