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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LEVY COUNTY NEW REACTORS; MEETINGS SCHEDULED SEPT. 23

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is seeking public comments on its preliminary finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude issuing Combined Licenses (COL) for two new reactors at the Levy County site near Crystal River, Fla.

Staff from the NRC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will discuss their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in meetings to be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Thursday, September 23, at the Plantation Inn, 9301 West Fort Island Trail in Crystal River. The NRC will transcribe the meetings and post the transcript on the agency's website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html>. NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions from 12:3-1:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. No formal comments on the DEIS will be accepted during these open houses.

The DEIS is available on the agency website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html>. The DEIS is also available via the NRC's electronic document database, ADAMS, by entering accession numbers ML102140231 and ML102140235 in the ADAMS search engine at: <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. In addition, a hardbound copy of the DEIS will be available for public inspection at four local libraries: 1) the Citrus County Coastal Region Library at 8619 West Crystal St. in Crystal River; 2) the Dunnellon Branch Library at 20351 Robinson Road in Dunnellon, Fla.; 3) the AF Knotts Public Library at 11 56th St. in Yankeetown, Fla.; and 4) the Bronson Public Library at 600 Gilbert St. in Bronson, Fla.

Progress Energy Florida submitted its application on July 30, 2008, and supplemented the application on Oct. 22, 2009. Progress Energy is applying for licenses to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the Levy County site, approximately 10 miles northeast of Crystal River. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse 1,100 megawatt electric pressurized-water reactor design the NRC certified in 2006. Westinghouse submitted an application in May 2007 to amend the certified design. More information regarding the review is available on the NRC's website 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, or with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting, should contact Douglas Bruner

by telephone at (800) 368-5642 x2730, or via e-mail at Levy.COLEIS@nrc.gov by Sept. 16. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 1:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., respectively. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the DEIS for 75 days following its publication in the *Federal Register*, expected shortly. The public may comment 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, via e-mail at Levy.COLEIS@nrc.gov, or via fax to (301) 492-3446.

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