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NRC, OPPD OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LICENSE AMENDMENTS FOR FORT CALHOUN PLANT APRIL 22 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials of the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) April 22 at the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md., to discuss potential license amendment submittals for the Fort Calhoun Station nuclear power plant.

No license amendment requests have been submitted and no decisions will be made at the April 22 meeting. Fort Calhoun, a pressurized-water reactor located 19 miles north of Omaha, Neb., remains shut down as the NRC considers whether to authorize restart.

NRC inspectors identified several changes made by OPPD that may have required prior NRC approval. These changes are in the areas of flood protection for the plant's service water system, a key part of the reactor cooling system; tornado missile protection; piping and code use; and alternate seismic criteria. At the meeting, OPPD officials will explain the reasons for the changes and whether, in OPPD's opinion, these could be accomplished without prior NRC approval.

The meeting will take place from 9-11:30 a.m. EDT on April 22, in room O4-B6 of the One White Flint North building in the NRC headquarters complex at 11555 Rockville Pike. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the potential license amendment requests. A toll-free teleconference will be available for interested members of the public who are not able to attend in person. For teleconference information, please contact Joseph Sebrosky, at 301-415-1132 or Joseph.Sebrosky@nrc.gov, or Lynnea Wilkins, at 301-415-1377, or Lynnea.Wilkins@nrc.gov by 4 p.m. EDT on April 18.

A second meeting later in the day will be closed to the public for discussion of means for protecting Fort Calhoun Station against flooding. This meeting will be closed because the staff has determined that the information to be discussed contains security-related sensitive information.

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