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NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Violation at Point Beach Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a regulatory conference with officials of NextEra Energy Point Beach LLC on Monday, July 22, to discuss a preliminary inspection finding in the area of external flooding response. The two-unit plant is located in Two Rivers, Wis., about 13 miles northwest of Manitowoc.

NRC and company officials will discuss the significance of the inspection finding, which involved the failure to have an appropriate procedure to respond to an external flooding situation as described in the plant's final safety analysis. The finding did not represent an immediate safety concern.

The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. CDT in the NRC's Region III office, located at 2443 Warrenville Road, in Lisle, Ill. The public is invited to observe and NRC officials will be available to answer questions.

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 the violation at Point Beach was "yellow," which means it has substantial safety significance.

No decisions on the final safety significance or other NRC actions will be made at the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

The NRC <u>inspection report</u> in which the apparent violation is documented is publicly available on the NRC website.