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## **NRC MEETING OCT. 24 IN MINERAL, VA., TO DISCUSS REVIEW PROCESS FOR EXPECTED NEW REACTOR APPLICATION**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct a public meeting in Mineral, Va., on Wednesday, Oct. 24, to discuss how the agency will review an expected Combined License (COL) application for a new reactor at the North Anna site, about 40 miles northwest of Richmond. The prospective applicant, Dominion, has told the NRC it intends to apply later this year for a license to build and operate an Economic and Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at North Anna.

“The NRC is ready to review this application and the others we’re expecting over the next couple of years. Communities near these sites need to know what’s ahead,” said David Matthews, Director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing in the NRC’s Office of New Reactors. “We’re going to work with residents to help them understand the process and how they can participate, because they can provide valuable information.”

The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Louisa County Middle School, 1009 Davis Highway in Mineral, from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. NRC staff presentations will describe the overall Combined License review process, which includes safety and environmental assessments, as well as how the public can participate in the process. The NRC will host an open house for an hour prior to the meeting so members of the public have the opportunity to talk informally with agency staff.

A COL, if issued, provides authorization from the NRC to construct and, with conditions, operate a nuclear power plant at a specific site and in accordance with laws and regulations. More information on the NRC’s new reactor licensing process is available on the agency’s Web site here: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html> .

The ESBWR is under NRC review to be certified as a reactor design that can be referenced in a COL. It is a 1,600 MWe, natural-circulation boiling water reactor that incorporates passive safety systems.

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