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NRC SCHEDULES NOV. 1 MEETING TO DISCUSS RESTART READINESS AT NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR POWER STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting in Mineral, Va., to discuss its inspections of the North Anna nuclear power station and its assessment of the plant's readiness to restart following the Aug. 23 earthquake near the facility.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. EDT at the Louisa County Middle School Auditorium, 1009 Davis Highway in Mineral, Va.

NRC staff will discuss its restart review and inspections at the plant since the earthquake. The presentation will provide an overview of the restart requirements, the staff review process, an overview of the key technical areas associated with the safety review, a summary of the Restart Readiness Inspection activities and the next steps, or path forward.

Members of the NRC inspection teams will attend, as well as managers from the NRC Region II office in Atlanta and agency headquarters in Rockville, Md. After the meeting, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from media representatives and members of the public."

During the quake, the North Anna station's two units automatically shut down. The company declared an Alert, the next to lowest NRC emergency classification for plant events, and exited the Alert after the plant staff restored offsite power. Prior to the restart review, an NRC Augmented Inspection Team completed a separate follow-up inspection of the plant.

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