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## ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD PREHEARING CONFERENCE ON CALLAWAY NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold a "prehearing conference" June 7 in Fulton, Mo., to discuss standing of petitioners and admissibility of their contentions challenging the license renewal application for the Callaway nuclear power plant, Unit 1.

The conference will be held in the Aldridge Lounge of the Aldridge Recreation Center, 1 University Ave. on the campus of William Woods University in Fulton, beginning at 9 a.m. on June 7. The session is expected to be completed in one day.

The Missouri Coalition for the Environment petitioned for a hearing, filing three contentions challenging the Callaway license renewal application, which was submitted by Union Electric Co., the plant's operator, on Dec. 19.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is a quasi-judicial panel of judges independent of the NRC staff that conducts adjudicatory hearings in major licensing actions by the NRC.

At the prehearing conference, only attorneys representing the petitioner, the utility, and the NRC staff will participate. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Board will also accept written statements from members of the public who wish to express their concerns about issues raised in the contentions. These statements may be submitted to Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001; faxed to 301-415-1101; or e-mailed to hearing.docket@nrc.gov. Copies should also be sent to the Board chair, Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk III, ASLBP, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001; faxed to 301-415-5599; or e-mailed to paul.bollwerk@nrc.gov.

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