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NRC SCHEDULES REGULATORY CONFERENCE AND MANAGEMENT MEETING TO DISCUSS BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a regulatory conference with officials of Progress Energy on Thursday, April 5, in Atlanta to discuss inspection findings related to one of the emergency diesel generators at the Brunswick nuclear power plant, located near Southport on the southern coast of North Carolina.

NRC and Progress Energy officials will discuss the significance of findings involving a repeat failure of a bearing on one of four emergency diesel generators at the plant, as well as the failure to follow procedures during maintenance and implement actions to prevent that same generator from shutting down on low oil pressure.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color-coded system which classifies findings as either green, white, yellow or red, in increasing order of safety significance. The NRC's preliminary evaluation determined that this issue at Brunswick is "white," meaning it is of low to moderate safety significance.

No decisions on final safety significance, any apparent violations or possible enforcement action will be made at the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

In addition to the regulatory conference, Progress Energy also requested a management meeting with NRC officials to discuss emergency diesel generator improvements and other issues.

The regulatory conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and the management meeting is slated for 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be in the NRC's Region II office, located on the 24th floor of the Atlanta Federal Center at 61 Forsyth Street SW in Atlanta. The public is invited to observe and will have one or more opportunities to talk with NRC officials after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned. Persons wishing to participate in this meeting by toll-free audio teleconference should contact the NRC's Randy Musser at 404-562-4603 or RXM1@nrc.gov.

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