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NRC Schedules Conference with FPL to Discuss Inspection Finding at St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a regulatory conference with Florida Power & Light officials to discuss an NRC inspection finding related to changes made to electrical equipment that led to an August 2016 reactor trip, or unplanned shutdown, of the company's St. Lucie Unit 1. The St. Lucie nuclear power plant is located near Jensen Beach, Fla., about 10 miles south of Fort Pierce.

The conference is scheduled for March 21 at 9:30 a.m., in the NRC's Region II office, 245 Peachtree Center Ave. in Atlanta. It will be open to the public and the NRC staff will be available to answer any questions or provide additional information after the business portion of the conference.

The inspection finding involves a 2013 modification of electrical circuitry associated with the Unit 1 main generator. Because that modification led to the plant trip, NRC inspectors found that the workers who performed the modification had failed to properly plan and execute the work. The finding is documented in a Feb. 2 NRC inspection report.

The inspection finding has been preliminarily classified by the NRC as "white" (low-to-moderate safety significance), but no decision on the final safety significance or any possible additional NRC actions will be made at the regulatory conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.