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**SUMMER NUCLEAR PLANT RATED "SUPERIOR" IN THREE AREAS,
"GOOD" IN FOURTH AREA OF NRC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

The Summer nuclear power plant received performance ratings of "superior" in three areas and "good" in the fourth area of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's latest systematic assessment of licensee performance (SALP) of the facility.

The SALP report was sent today to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, which operates the facility near Columbia, South Carolina. It evaluates the plant's performance from January 29, 1995, through October 26 of this year.

NRC and SCE&G officials will discuss the report during a meeting set for 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 16, at the Summer site. The meeting will be open for public observation. NRC officials will be available after the meeting to speak with reporters, state and local officials, and members of the public.

NRC systematic assessment reports rate licensees in four functional areas — plant operations, maintenance, engineering, and plant support — and assign ratings of Category 1, 2 or 3 depending on whether their performance in those areas was superior, good or adequate.

The report on Summer gives the plant a Category 1 rating in plant operations, engineering and maintenance, indicating "superior" performance, and a Category 2 rating in plant support, indicating "good" performance.

In the previous SALP report in March 1995, the plant received the same Category 1 or "superior" ratings in operations and maintenance. Performance in engineering improved from Category 2 (good) to Category 1 (superior). Performance in plant support declined from Category 1 (superior) to Category 2 (good).

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EDITORS: A copy of the full SALP report is available from this office. SALP reports are also available on the NRC's Internet web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA>) and by e-mail subscription. To receive SALP reports by e-mail as they are issued, send an e-mail to listproc@nrc.gov with the following message: subscribe salp yourfirstname yourlastname.