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**NRC OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH FPC ON OCTOBER 31
TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CRYSTAL RIVER RESTART**

NRC Official Will Hold News Conference After Meeting

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with Florida Power Corporation management at Crystal River, Florida on Friday, October 31 to review the status of company plans for restart of the Crystal River nuclear power plant later this year.

The **meeting** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** at the plant training center on West Venable Street, across from the Crystal River airport. Members of the public are welcome to attend for purposes of observation.

NRC Region II Administrator Luis A. Reyes will hold a **news conference at 12:30 p.m.**, following the meeting, to answer questions related to Crystal River and to briefly discuss any other NRC initiatives of current interest to area reporters.

The company temporarily shut down the Crystal River nuclear plant in September of 1996 to resolve concerns related to regulatory safety and design and has been working to ready the facility for a restart projected for late this year.

The meeting is between officials of the NRC and FPC but is open to the public for purposes of observation. NRC officials will be available at the agency's news conference following the meeting to answer questions from reporters and from interested observers.

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