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**NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR MAY 17 TO DISCUSS
COMPANY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOLLOWING JANUARY EVENT
AT HATCH PLANT**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting with Southern Nuclear Operating Company officials in Atlanta May 17 to discuss the company's specific corrective actions following an unplanned shutdown on January 26 of the Unit 1 reactor at the Hatch Nuclear Plant near Baxley, Georgia. Unit 1 automatically shut down when a valve in one of the two main lines carrying water to the reactor closed, and some of the equipment did not operate as expected. The NRC sent an Augmented Inspection Team, or AIT, to review equipment performance, operator actions and company response to the event .

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 17 in the NRC Region II office, 61 Forsyth Street, Suite 24T20 in Atlanta and will be open to observation by the media and public. NRC officials will be available at the conclusion of the meeting to answer any questions.

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