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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH HATCH NUCLEAR OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS INITIAL PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION

Officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with Southern Nuclear Operating Company management at 1:00 p.m. (EDT) on Thursday, October 5 at the Hatch nuclear power plant visitor center near Baxley, Georgia, to discuss results of the NRC's initial inspection of the plant's license renewal program.

The meeting is open to observation by the public, and NRC officials will be available at its conclusion to answer questions from interested observers.

NRC officials said the agency's initial inspection of the Hatch license renewal program, conducted from September 11-15 of this year, indicated that the company has properly set the scope of key plant systems, structures and components and is correctly implementing the methodology for screening them as described in its renewal application, submitted to the NRC this past February 29, for the two-unit plant.

NRC officials will discuss the license renewal process and the schedule for plant Hatch.

Luis A. Reyes, administrator of the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta, said the agency's initial inspection is the first of three license renewal reviews and was conducted to verify that the company's license renewal program is implemented consistent with its license renewal application and pertinent regulations. He said subsequent NRC inspections will verify that programs are in place to manage the material condition of the plant's systems, structures and components.

The full inspection report is due to be issued by November 19 and will be posted on the NRC's internet web page at: <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports/renewal.htm>

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