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NRC TO MEET WITH COMPANY REGARDING FINDING AT SUSQUEHANNA PLANT

The Susquehanna Steam Electric Station's response to an inspection finding of low to moderate importance to safety will be the subject of a meeting between representatives of the plant and Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff on Monday, May 13.

Scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the NRC Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa., the meeting will be open to the public for observation.

NRC staff determined last September that an NRC inspection finding for Susquehanna -- a twin-reactor nuclear power plant located in Berwick, Pa., and operated by PPL Susquehanna, LLC -- should be characterized as "white," meaning it was an issue of low to moderate importance to safety. The violation concerned several occasions when on-shift staffing was below the minimum on-shift staffing requirements as defined in the plant's emergency plan. At the reduced on-shift staffing levels, certain emergency preparedness functions for an emergency at the site, including monitoring the unaffected unit for safety and operations support center coordination duties, would not be met.

At the meeting on May 13, there will be a discussion of the company's review of the "white" finding and its proposed improvement plan for its emergency preparedness program.

Under the agency's significance determination process, NRC officials classify certain conditions at nuclear power plants as being one of four colors which delineate increasing levels of safety significance, beginning with green and progressing in severity to white, yellow or red.

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