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NRC TO MEET WITH FPL OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Florida Power & Light officials on Tuesday, April 8, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the St. Lucie nuclear power plant on Hutchinson Island off the east coast of Florida.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Pelican Room of the Courtyard by Marriott, 10978 S. Ocean Drive, in Jensen Beach, Florida. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer any questions.

A letter from the NRC to Florida Power & Light addresses plant safety performance during the previous year and forms the basis for the meeting discussions. The letter states that, overall, St. Lucie operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and that plant performance was at a level requiring no additional NRC inspection beyond normal baseline activities. The letter, which is available from Region II Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/stl_2002q4.pdf, says the NRC staff will also conduct inspections of the plant's implementation of NRC security advisories and Orders, and a review of the plant staff's activities in response to an NRC Bulletin on reactor vessel heads and vessel head penetrations.

Current performance indicators for the two units at the St. Lucie plant are available at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STL1/stl1_chart.html and www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STL2/stl2_chart.html

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