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NRC TO MEET WITH FPL OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT TURKEY POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Florida Power & Light officials on Wednesday, March 24, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the Turkey Point nuclear power plant south of Miami, Florida.

The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers Room of the Homestead City Hall, 790 N. Homestead Blvd., in Homestead, 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 indicates that, overall, Turkey Point operated safely 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 http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/tp_2003q4.pdf, also says the NRC staff will continue to conduct inspections at Turkey Point in the areas of reactor pressure vessel lower head penetration nozzles, reactor containment sump blockage, spent fuel material control and accountability, and post-reactor head replacement containment welds and concrete repairs.

The NRC will also continue to conduct additional inspections of the implementation of any new security Orders and any new requirements added to the current security program.

Current performance indicators for the two units at the Turkey Point plant are available on the NRC web site at http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/TP3/tp3_chart.html and http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/TP4/tp4_chart.html.

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