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NRC SCHEDULES CONFERENCE WITH SCE&G TO DISCUSS APPARENT VIOLATION AT SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is scheduled to meet with representatives of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) on Monday, July 16, to discuss an apparent violation of agency requirements related to the emergency plan for the company's Summer Nuclear Station, located near Jenkinsville in central South Carolina. The apparent violation was identified during an NRC inspection of Summer's emergency plan.

The conference with SCE&G is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. (EDT) in the NRC Region II Office, at 61 Forsyth Street SW, Suite 23T85, in Atlanta, Ga., and will be open to the public. The meeting is between SCE&G and the NRC, but those people attending will have an opportunity to ask questions of NRC staff prior to the end of the meeting.

During late 2006 and early 2007, the NRC reviewed revisions to the emergency plan for Summer and found that, in several cases, the revisions had potentially decreased the effectiveness of the emergency plan and resulted in a failure to maintain a standard emergency classification system. The NRC requires nuclear plant operators to maintain a standard emergency classification system to be used in declaring the appropriate emergency level during an event.

The purpose of the July 16th meeting is to obtain information that will allow the NRC to determine what, if any, enforcement action is warranted. No decision will be made by the NRC staff at the meeting, but NRC management will make a decision sometime in the near future.

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