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Staff Holds Public Meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site

The NRC staff participated in a public meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007 in Augusta, Ga., related to the ESP application for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site. The staff conducted this meeting to solicit comments from the public on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) which was issued on September 14, 2007. The DEIS is a site specific "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site," (NUREG-1872). Approximately 200 people attended the meeting, including members of the public, representatives of the NRC staff, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc, local governments, and the local news media. Speakers expressed views supporting and opposing the Vogtle ESP. Members of the public raised questions and presented comments primarily regarding security, terrorism, water temperature and quality, alternative energy sources, cumulative impacts, and radiological effluent releases.

The NRC staff hosted an informal "open house" for two hours prior to the meeting. Displays and brochures were used to assist the staff in answering questions about the proposed Vogtle ESP Site application.

The public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site ends on November 28, 2008. At the conclusion of the comment period, the staff will evaluate the comments received, revise the DEIS as appropriate, and issue the final EIS in July 2008.

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