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NRC TO DISCUSS 2007 PERFORMANCE OF CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 8, with representatives of Progress Energy to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2007 at the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant. The plant, operated by Progress Energy, is on the west coast of Florida just northwest of the town of Crystal River.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. in the plant's Training Center, 8200 West Venable Street in Crystal River.

After the formal presentation, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of Crystal River, as well as the NRC's role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"The NRC continually inspects and reviews the performance of Crystal River and all commercial nuclear plants, issuing inspection reports throughout the year and an overall assessment at year's end," NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree said. "This meeting is an opportunity to discuss that annual assessment with the company, local officials and people near the plant, and to answer any questions they may have."

The NRC said the Crystal River plant operated safely during the 2007 assessment period, from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, with all inspection findings being of very low safety significance and all performance indicators indicating performance at levels requiring no additional NRC oversight. As a result, the NRC plans to conduct routine baseline inspections at the plant during 2008.

A letter sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2007 and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/cr_2007q4.pdf.

Current performance information for the Crystal River plant is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/CR3/cr3_chart.html.

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