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## NRC TO DISCUSS 2007 PERFORMANCE OF ROBINSON NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 7, with representatives of Progress Energy to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2007 at the Robinson nuclear plant, located near Hartsville, S.C.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Hartsville Public Library, 147 W. College Avenue in Hartsville. After the formal presentation, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of Robinson, as well as the NRC's role in ensuring safe plant operation.

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

The NRC said the Robinson plant operated safely during the 2007 assessment period, from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. All inspection findings were "green" and of very low safety significance, and all performance indicators showed the plant operating at a level that does not require additional NRC oversight. Therefore, the NRC is conducting only its regular, baseline inspections at the plant during 2008.

When assessing nuclear plant performance, the NRC uses color-coded performance indicators and inspection findings. The colors start with "green" and then increase to "white," "yellow" or "red" based on the safety significance of the issues involved.

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/rob\\_2007q4.pdf](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/rob_2007q4.pdf).

Current performance information for the Robinson plant is available on the NRC web site at: [www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ROB2/rob2\\_chart.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ROB2/rob2_chart.html) .

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