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MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER WILL BE RESCHEDULED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2009

NRC TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION FOR SUSQUEHANNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON DEC. 16

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the results of an inspection of the proposed aging-management approach for the Susquehanna nuclear power plant on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at a meeting with the facility's management.

PPL Susquehanna, LLC, which owns and operates the Salem Township (Luzerne County), Pa., plant, has applied for a 20-year license extension for each of the two units at the site. The inspection is part of an ongoing review of that application.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Eagles Building, at 107 S. Market St. in Berwick, Pa. After a discussion of the inspection results, NRC staff will conduct a question-and-answer session regarding the review for interested members of the public.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. Companies may apply to renew those licenses for up to an additional two decades, provided that agency requirements are met.

PPL applied to the NRC on Sept. 15, 2006, to renew the licenses for the Susquehanna reactors. If approved, the expiration date for Susquehanna Unit 1 would be extended to July 17, 2042; for Susquehanna Unit 2, the new expiration date would be March 23, 2044.

An important aspect of the NRC license renewal review process is to ensure that a plant manages the effects of aging on key safety systems, structures and components through thorough monitoring and maintenance programs. At the meeting on Dec. 16, NRC staff will discuss what it found when it inspected the aging management programs proposed in the Susquehanna application.

A copy of the Susquehanna license renewal application is available via the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/susquehanna.html>. Additional information on the NRC's license renewal review process is available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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