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CORRECTION: NRC MEETING WITH PUBLIC OCT. 6 ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR WATTS BAR UNIT 2 OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold public meetings Tuesday, Oct. 6, in Sweetwater, Tenn., to discuss the agency's review of an Operating License application for a second reactor at the Watts Bar site near Sweetwater, and the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing the application.

The NRC will meet with the public from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Magnuson Hotel, 1421 Murrays Chapel Road in Sweetwater. The NRC will transcribe the meeting, including any follow-up answers the staff provides after the meeting, and post the information on the agency's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/plant-specific-items/watts-bar/key-correspondence.html>.

NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. No formal comments on the environmental review will be accepted during these open houses.

The Tennessee Valley Authority submitted its Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the application Feb. 15, 2008, to operate a Westinghouse pressurized-water reactor at the site. TVA submitted additional information July 2, 2008, and Jan. 27, 2009. TVA currently operates the essentially identical Watts Bar Unit 1 at the site and is completing construction of Unit 2 under NRC oversight. Documents related to the application are available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/plant-specific-items/watts-bar/key-correspondence.html>.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting, particularly those with special needs for attending or presenting information, should contact Joel Wiebe by telephone at 301-415-6606, or via e-mail at joel.wiebe@nrc.gov by Sept. 30. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., respectively. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process. Comments should be submitted no later than Oct. 30, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05B01, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, via e-mail at RidsNrrPMWattsBar2.resource@nrc.gov , or hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on federal workdays.

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