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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LEE NUCLEAR STATION NEW REACTORS; MEETINGS SCHEDULED JAN. 19

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is seeking public comments on its preliminary finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude issuing Combined Licenses (COL) for two new reactors at the Lee site near Gaffney, S.C.

Staff from the NRC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, will discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in meetings from 1-4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Restoration Church International, 1905 N. Limestone St. in Gaffney. The NRC will transcribe the meetings and post the transcript on the agency's [website](#). NRC staff will also be available for informal discussions on the agency's licensing process with members of the public during "open house" sessions from noon-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. No formal comments on the DEIS will be accepted during these open houses.

Duke Energy submitted its new reactor application on Dec. 12, 2007, requesting licenses to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the Lee site, approximately 25 miles northeast of Spartanburg, S.C. Westinghouse submitted an application to amend the already-certified AP1000, an 1,100-megawatt electric design, on May 26, 2007. More information on the AP1000 amendment review is available on the NRC [website](#).

The DEIS is available on the agency's [website](#) as well as the NRC's electronic document database, ADAMS, by entering accession number ML113430094 in the ADAMS [search engine](#). In addition, the Cherokee County Public Library, at 300 E. Rutledge Ave. in Gaffney, will have a hardbound copy of the DEIS available for public inspection.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting, or with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting, should contact Sarah Lopas by telephone at 800-368-5642 x1147, or via e-mail at Sarah.Lopas@nrc.gov by Jan. 12. Those wishing to speak may also register at the meetings no later than 12:45 p.m. and 6:45 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 DEIS through March 6, 2012. Comments may be submitted through the federal government's Rulemaking website at

www.regulations.gov using Docket ID **NRC-2008-0170**; or by mail to Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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