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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS APRIL POWER LOSS EVENT AT CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a regulatory conference with officials of Duke Energy on Tuesday, Sept. 11 to discuss inspection findings and apparent violations related to an event in April where the plant lost offsite power.

NRC and Duke officials will discuss the safety significance of the inspection findings and violations, which involved the loss of offsite power after a modification to the generator protection circuitry on Unit 1.

The regulatory conference is scheduled for 1 p.m. EDT in the NRC's Region II office, located at 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE., Suite 1200, in Atlanta. The public is invited to observe and NRC officials will be available to answer questions.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color-coded system which classifies findings as green, white, yellow or red, in increasing order of safety significance. The NRC's preliminary evaluation determined that the issues at Catawba could be as high as Yellow, which means at least one may have substantial safety significance. The NRC staff continues to evaluate the significance, including any additional information presented at the conference.

No decisions on the final safety significance or other NRC actions will be made at the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

The NRC inspection report in which the issues are documented is publicly available online at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The number to access the report is ML12207A614.

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