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NRC SCHEDULES MEETINGS TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF SUMMER NUCLEAR PLANT AND OVERSIGHT OF NEW UNIT CONSTRUCTION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for April 17 to discuss the safety performance in 2012 of SCE&G's V.C. Summer nuclear station, near Jenkinsville, S.C., about 26 miles northwest of Columbia. A separate meeting will follow to explain the inspections and oversight process for the two new units that are under construction.

The open house, which is open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. at the McCrorey-Liston Elementary School, 1978 Monticello Rd. (State Highway 215 South), in Blair, S.C.

A letter sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the operating unit during 2012 and will serve as the basis for the informal discussion. The [letter](#) and concurrent performance for the Summer plant are available on the NRC website.

The NRC found that the operating Summer unit met all NRC safety objectives in 2012. That performance means the plant is receiving the normal detailed NRC inspections this year.

"The NRC inspects nuclear plants and monitors their performance on an ongoing basis," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "We issue inspection reports throughout the year and we hold these annual meetings near each plant to discuss our oversight and answer any questions local residents may have."

[Current performance](#) information for the Summer plant is available on the NRC website.

At the second public meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., the NRC staff will discuss new reactor construction oversight, including inspection, assessment, enforcement and the verification process. The NRC has three construction resident inspectors at the Summer site, supplemented by additional inspectors from the regional office in Atlanta and NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md. The agency is responsible for inspecting and verifying that new nuclear plants are constructed according to their approved design, combined license and NRC regulations.

A letter sent from the NRC to plant officials addresses the oversight of the construction of Units 2 and 3 during 2012 and will serve as the basis for the meeting presentation. That [letter](#)

and additional information on the NRC [reactor construction oversight](#) process can be found on the NRC website. The NRC staff found that the units were being constructed in a manner that protected public health and safety and met all regulatory objectives.

The NRC staff issued combined operating licenses for two AP1000 reactors at the Summer site in March 2012.

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