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NRC to Hold Meeting on Planned Modifications at Duke Energy Nuclear Power Plants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 6, with Duke Energy officials to discuss planned modifications at the company's nuclear power plants related to post-Fukushima lessons learned.

Duke operates the Oconee, Catawba and Robinson plants in South Carolina and the McGuire, Harris and Brunswick facilities in North Carolina.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at the NRC's Region II offices, 245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE, Suite 1200, in Atlanta. The public is invited to attend, and NRC officials will be available to answer questions from the public after the business portion of the meeting.

The planned modifications to be discussed at the plants were prompted by reevaluations following the 2011 accident at the Fukushima Daiichi facility in Japan. The damage caused by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and the ensuing tsunami led the NRC to order the operators of each U.S. plant to reevaluate how they could withstand some events that were not considered in their original designs.