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NRC to Hold Mandatory Hearing on Levy County New Reactor Application July 28 in Rockville, Md.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct a mandatory hearing Thursday, July 28, on an application for Combined Licenses (COL) to build and operate two new reactors at the [Levy County](#) site in Florida. This hearing marks the final step in the agency's Part 52 reactor licensing process.

“My fellow Commissioners and I will use this hearing to independently and carefully evaluate whether the available safety and environmental review evidence supports the necessary regulatory findings,” said NRC Chairman Stephen G. Burns. “The complex job of reviewing a reactor license application is a critical part of our regulatory and safety mission.”

The Commission's hearing will include testimony and exhibits from applicant Duke Energy Florida (DEF), as well as NRC staff, on the question of whether the staff's review adequately supports the findings necessary to issue the licenses.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. on July 28 in the Commission Hearing Room at NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The hearing will be open to public observation and will be webcast. A detailed agenda and presentation slides will be available in advance on the Commission's [meeting transcript page](#).

DEF is applying for permission to build and operate two [AP1000](#) reactors at the site, approximately 30 miles west of Ocala, Fla. DEF (formerly Progress Energy Florida) submitted the COL application on July 28, 2008. The NRC certified the 1,100-megawatt AP1000 design in 2011; more information on the certification process is available on the [NRC website](#).

The NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards independently reviewed aspects of the application that concern safety, as well as the staff's [final safety evaluation report](#) (FSER). The committee provided the [results](#) of its review to the Commission on Dec. 7, 2011, and provided the [results](#) of its review of several exemption requests on April 18, 2016. The NRC completed its environmental review and issued the [final environmental impact statement](#) for the proposed reactors in April 2012. The NRC completed and issued the FSER on June 6, 2016.

Media Notes: At this time, this event will be open for television; the agency reserves the right to seek a mandatory pool if demand exceeds available space. Seats on one side of the commission hearing room will be reserved for accredited members of the news media. Photographers will have limited space at the meeting in which to take photos. Movement must be kept to a minimum so as not to be distracting and entry into the inner well closest to the Commission briefing table is prohibited.

Plan to arrive in advance of the meeting at the NRC's One White Flint North entrance, at the corner of Rockville Pike and Marinelli Road, with proper media credentials. The NRC is located across the street from the White Flint Metro station. Parking is available at the White Flint metro parking garage on Marinelli Road. Members of the media are asked to call the NRC Office of Public Affairs (301-415-8200) in advance to provide the names of those attending the meeting to assure sufficient seating.