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## **NRC to Hold Mandatory Hearing on William States Lee New Reactor Application Oct. 5 in Rockville, Md.**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct a mandatory hearing Wednesday, Oct. 5, on an application for Combined Licenses to build and operate two new reactors at the [William States Lee](#) site in South Carolina. This hearing marks the final step in the agency's Part 52 reactor licensing process.

"My fellow Commissioners and I look forward to carefully evaluating whether the available safety and environmental review evidence supports the necessary regulatory findings for the licenses," said NRC Chairman Stephen G. Burns. "The complex job of reviewing these applications is a critical part of our regulatory and safety mission."

The Commission's hearing will include testimony and exhibits from applicant Duke Energy Carolinas (Duke), 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 Oct. 5 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](#).

Duke is applying for permission to build and operate two [AP1000](#) reactors at the site, near Gaffney in Cherokee County, S.C. Duke submitted the application on Dec. 12, 2007. 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](#). The committee provided the [results](#) of its review to the Commission on Dec. 14, 2015. The NRC completed its [environmental review](#) and issued the final impact statement for the proposed William States Lee reactors in December 2013.

**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.