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NOTICE OF DRAFT REGULATORY BASIS FOR COMMENT: REGULATORY
IMPROVEMENTS FOR DECOMMISSIONING POWER REACTORS AND NOTICE OF
UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING (STC-17-035)

Purpose: To provide notification of (1) the publication of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) draft regulatory basis for the decommissioning rulemaking and request for comment in the *Federal Register*, and (2) an upcoming public meeting to discuss the draft regulatory basis.

Background: In Staff Requirements Memorandum for SECY-14-0118, "Request by Duke Energy Florida, Inc., for Exemptions from Certain Emergency Planning Requirements," dated December 30, 2014 (Agencywide Documents and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14364A111), the Commission directed the NRC staff to proceed with an integrated rulemaking on decommissioning. The Commission further stated that this rulemaking should address issues such as the graded approach to emergency preparedness, lessons learned from the plants that have already gone or are currently going through the decommissioning process, the advisability of requiring a licensee's Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report to be approved by the NRC, the appropriateness of maintaining the three existing options for decommissioning and the timeframes associated with those options, the appropriate role of State and local governments and non-governmental stakeholders in the decommissioning process, and any other issues deemed relevant by the NRC staff.

The NRC has issued the draft regulatory basis to obtain input from stakeholders for the development of a final regulatory basis and proposed rule that would support potential changes to the NRC's regulations for the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors. The NRC is soliciting public comments on the draft regulatory basis through June 13, 2017, and invites stakeholders and interested persons to participate. The NRC is holding four days of public meetings at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, May 8-11, 2017, to promote full understanding of the questions contained in this draft regulatory basis and facilitate public comment.

Discussion: Enclosed with this letter is the *Federal Register* notice (FRN) supporting the draft regulatory basis and a copy of the draft regulatory basis (ADAMS Accession No. ML17047A413). The FRN supporting the draft regulatory basis (82 FR 13778) was published on March 15, 2017, and posted on the Federal e-rulemaking portal <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. NRC-2015-0070. The FRN can also be accessed at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/03/15/2017-05141/regulatory-improvements-for-power-reactors-transitioning-to-decommissioning>. Comments on the draft regulatory basis

are due by June 13, 2017, and the FRN details how to submit comments. The notice for the May 8-11, 2017, meeting will be posted in the near future on the NRC public meeting schedule Web site: <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>. The public meeting will be accessible by teleconference and webinar. Please see the future meeting notice for additional details, including the bridge line and registration information for the webinar.

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Enclosures:
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