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Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Evidentiary Hearing on Proposed New Reactors at Turkey Point

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold an evidentiary hearing May 2 in Homestead, Fla. The hearing concerns [Florida Power & Light's application](#) to build two [AP1000 reactors](#) next to two existing reactors at the Turkey Point site, about 40 miles south of Miami. The hearing will examine arguments regarding potential environmental impacts from the applicant's proposal to send wastewater from the plants' cooling systems into the Boulder Zone of the Lower Floridan aquifer using deep injection wells.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 2, in the Council Chambers of Homestead City Hall, 100 Civic Court in Homestead. The hearing will continue on May 3, if necessary. Members of the public and media are welcome to attend the hearing. Participation in the hearing will be limited to the applicant (Florida Power & Light), NRC staff, the intervenors contesting the application, interested local government bodies, and their lawyers and witnesses. Those planning to attend the hearing should arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time for security screening, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases or backpacks. No signs will be permitted in the hearing room.

The board will also accept written comments, known as limited appearance statements, from interested members of the public. These statements are not testimony or evidence, but they may aid the board and/or the parties in considering the issues in the hearing. Statements may be submitted via mail to: Office of the Secretary Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; via fax to 301-415-1101; or via e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov. Copies of the statements should also be submitted to: Chief Administrative Judge E. Roy Hawkens, c/o Jennifer Scro & Kimberly Hsu, Board Law Clerks, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; via fax to 301-415-5599; or via email to jennifer.scro@nrc.gov and kimberly.hsu@nrc.gov.

Documents regarding this board's proceeding are available on the NRC's [Electronic Hearing Docket](#) by clicking on the folder entitled "Turkey_Point_52-040&52-041-COL" on the left side of the page. The board is the independent body within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that conducts adjudicatory hearings and renders decisions on legal challenges to licensing actions. More information about [the board's role in the licensing process](#) is available on the NRC website.