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NRC To Hold Meeting Seeking Public Comment on Environmental Review for Clinch River Early Site Permit

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with the public in Oak Ridge, Tenn., on May 15 to discuss the agency's environmental review of an Early Site Permit application for the nearby Clinch River site. The NRC is interested in the public's views on the environmental issues the agency should consider in the review.

The NRC will hold the meetings in the Pollard Technology Conference Center Auditorium, 210 Badger Ave., in Oak Ridge, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. NRC staff presentations will describe the environmental review process and the proposed review schedule. Each meeting's presentations will be followed by a formal public comment period. NRC open houses from 1-2 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., will provide members of the public the opportunity to speak informally with agency staff.

Those wishing to register in advance to comment at the meetings should contact Patricia Vokoun by telephone at 800-368-5642 x3470 or via e-mail at ClinchRiverESPEIS@nrc.gov by May 7. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., respectively. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak. Individuals with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meetings should contact Ms. Vokoun by May 1.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on environmental issues until June 12, following the publication of a [notice](#) in the Federal Register. Please include Docket ID NRC-2016-0119 with your comment, via the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website.

The Tennessee Valley Authority submitted the Clinch River application and associated information in May 2016, and provided follow-up information through the remainder of the year. The [Early Site Permit process](#) determines whether a site is suitable for future construction and operation of a nuclear power plant. The NRC held meetings in Oak Ridge in April 2016 to explain the review process to the surrounding community.

The [application](#), minus proprietary and security-related details, is available on the NRC website. In addition, the Oak Ridge Public Library, 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge, and the Kingston Public Library, 1004 Bradford Way in Kingston, Tenn., have agreed to maintain a copy of the application's environmental report for public inspection.

TVA is seeking resolution of safety and environmental issues related to a potential [small modular reactor](#) at the site, approximately five miles southwest of Oak Ridge. The NRC has established

docket number 52-047 for this application. More information about the [new reactor licensing process](#) is available on the NRC website.