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NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on North Anna Subsequent License Renewal

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument via WebEx on Feb. 4, regarding a petition to hold an adjudicatory hearing. The hearing will concern Virginia Electric Power Company's application to renew the operating licenses of North Anna Units 1 and 2, near Mineral, Va., for an additional 20 years.

The oral argument will begin at 2 p.m., Eastern Time, and will address a rule waiver request from petitioners Beyond Nuclear, Sierra Club and Alliance for Progressive Virginia, as well as the admissibility of the groups' proposed contention. The three administrative judges on the Board will hear argument from representatives for the petitioners, Virginia Electric Power and the NRC staff.

The public will have listen-only access to the oral argument. Those interested in calling in can access the conference by dialing 888-469-1755 and entering the passcode 9150039, followed by the “#” sign. The Board is composed of three administrative judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Boards conduct adjudicatory hearings on major licensing actions by the NRC, and they are independent of the NRC staff. A Board's rulings may be appealed to the Commission, the five-member body that sets NRC policy.