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NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on Long Mott Construction Permit Application

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument Oct. 6 on challenges to a construction permit application from Long Mott Energy LLC, for a multi-unit advanced reactor facility in Calhoun County, Texas.

The oral argument will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern time. It will allow the board to ask questions regarding challenges from the petitioner, San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper, to the application. The three administrative judges on the board will hear arguments from representatives for the petitioner, Long Mott Energy, and the NRC staff.

The proceeding will be held virtually. It will be open to the public via a listen-only telephone line; call-in details will be available in the near future by contacting Georgia Rock (<u>Georgia.Rock@nrc.gov</u> or 301-415-5052) or Sara Culler (<u>Sara.Culler@nrc.gov</u> or 301-415-5694).

The board is composed of three administrative judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Boards conduct adjudicatory hearings on NRC licensing and enforcement actions, 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.

Information on the Long Mott Energy application review is available on the NRC website.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.