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NRC TO MEET WITH TVA IN ATLANTA ON JUNE 16 TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ICE CONDENSERS

Status of Systems at Sequoyah and Watts Bar to Be Discussed

Officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Tennessee Valley Authority will meet in Atlanta on June 16 to discuss the status of the ice condenser safety system at the Sequoyah and Watts Bar nuclear power plants in Tennessee.

The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. (EDT) in NRC offices on the 24th floor of the Atlanta Federal Center, located at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. The meeting is open to observation by the public and the press. NRC officials will be available at its conclusion to answer questions from observers who attend.

Ice condensers are incorporated into some Westinghouse pressurized water reactor containment building designs. They are constructed so that steam released during an accident will be directed through borated ice where it is cooled and condensed. This serves to mitigate a buildup of pressure on the containment building walls.