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From: Croteau, Rick
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Allen,
Attached is the press release we plan to issue next week. We aren't looking for concurrence, but we would welcome any comments you may have.
Rick

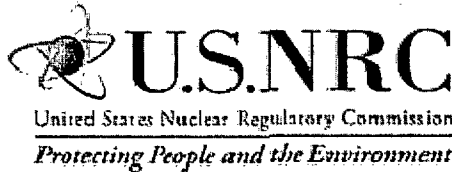
From: Hannah, Roger
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Please review the attached release and provide me with your approval or suggestions by Monday if possible...

Thanks and have a good weekend,

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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING OCT. 3 TO DISCUSS INSPECTION AT NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR POWER STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a public meeting near the North Anna nuclear power station to discuss the preliminary results of an Augmented Inspection Team which reviewed the effects of the Aug. 23 earthquake and the plant response.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 3, at 1 p.m. EDT at the North Anna Nuclear Information Center, 1022 Haley Drive in Mineral, Va. The meeting will be attended by members of the NRC inspection team as well as managers from NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md. and the Region II office in Atlanta. After the results are presented, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from media representatives and the public.

After the quake, the North Anna station's two units automatically shut down. The company declared an Alert, the next to lowest NRC emergency classification for plant events and exited the Alert after the plant staff returned offsite power supplies. The NRC determined that an Augmented Inspection Team or AIT was the appropriate level of follow-up inspection.

An AIT is formed by the NRC to review more significant events or issues at NRC-licensed facilities. The North Anna AIT included technical experts from NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md. as well as inspectors from the regional office in Atlanta. It was led by NRC Region II Branch Chief Mark Franke and North Anna Senior Resident Inspector Greg Kolcum.

The station remains shut down and NRC regulations require that the station not start up until it can demonstrate that no functional damage occurred to those features needed for continued safe operation.

The AIT is expected to release its final inspection report later in October and that report will be available on the NRC's website.

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