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NRC to Hold Mandatory Hearing on Clinch River Early Site Permit Application

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct a mandatory hearing Aug. 14, regarding an application for an Early Site Permit for one or more small modular reactors at the Clinch River site in Tennessee, the final step in the agency's review of the application.

The Commission hearing will include testimony and exhibits from the applicant, the Tennessee Valley Authority, as well as from the NRC staff, regarding the question of whether the staff's review adequately supports the findings necessary to issue the permit. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room at NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The hearing will be open to public observation and webcast. A detailed agenda and presentation slides will be available in advance on the Commission's meeting page.

TVA submitted its Early Site Permit application for the Clinch River Nuclear Site on May 12, 2016. TVA used the Plant Parameter Envelope approach (which does not specify a reactor design) in its application for the site. The NRC would need to review and approve an additional application from TVA, including a specific reactor design, before any construction or operating license could be issued. The NRC issued its [final environmental impact statement](#) for the Early Site Permit application in April 2019, and the [final safety evaluation report](#) for this application in June 2019.

Media Notes: Media are asked to call the NRC Office of Public Affairs (301-415-8200) in advance to provide the names of those attending the meeting to assure sufficient seating. Seats on one side of the Commission hearing room will be reserved for accredited members of the news media. Photographers will have limited space at the meeting in which to take photos. Movement must be kept to a minimum to limit distractions, and entry into the inner well closest to the Commission briefing table will be prohibited. Plan to arrive in advance of the meeting at the NRC's One White Flint North entrance, at the corner of Rockville Pike and Marinelli Road, with proper media credentials. The NRC is located across the street from the White Flint Metro station. Parking is available at the White Flint Metro parking garage on Marinelli Road.