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NRC TO DISCUSS NORTH ANNA RESTART REVIEW OCT. 21 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting Friday, Oct. 21, to discuss the restart readiness of the two-reactor North Anna nuclear power plant, which shut down safely following the Aug. 23 earthquake near Louisa, Va.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room at NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The Commissioners will hear presentations from the plant owner, Dominion Nuclear, regarding the company's restart activities at North Anna. The Commission will also hear from management in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the Region II office in Atlanta regarding the agency's inspections and technical reviews.

The meeting will be open to public observation and will be [webcast](#). A detailed agenda and meeting slides will be available in advance on the [Commission Meeting](#) page.

The Aug. 23 quake generated stronger ground motion than what was anticipated during the licensing of North Anna, located approximately 40 miles northwest of Richmond. The NRC's two resident inspectors at North Anna monitored the plant's immediate response to the quake, and the agency supplemented the residents with an Augmented Inspection Team Aug. 29. Agency staff met with Dominion on Sept. 8 to discuss the plant's response to the quake (the meeting [webcast](#) is available on the NRC website). The NRC issued Dominion a [Confirmatory Action Letter](#) on Sept. 30, reaffirming that the company must prove the plant can operate safely before the agency will approve North Anna's restart. The NRC continues to review Dominion's submittals regarding the plant's status.

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Media Notes: At this time, this event will be open for television; the agency reserves the right to seek a mandatory pool if demand exceeds available space. 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 so as not to be distracting and entry into the inner well closest to the Commission briefing table is 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. Members of the 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.

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