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NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on Vogtle 3 New Reactor License Amendment

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument via teleconference on July 1, 2020, regarding a petition to hold an adjudicatory hearing concerning the Southern Nuclear Operating Company application to amend the combined license for the under-construction Vogtle Unit 3 reactor near Waynesboro, Ga.

The oral argument will begin at 10 a.m., Eastern Time, and will address the standing of the petitioner, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, and the admissibility of the group's proposed contentions. The three administrative judges on the Board will hear argument from representatives for BREDL, Southern Nuclear, and the NRC staff.

The public will have listen-only access to the teleconference. Those interested in calling in can access the conference by dialing 888-566-5903, passcode 2416062#.

The Board is composed of three administrative judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Boards conduct adjudicatory hearings on major licensing actions by the NRC, and are independent of the NRC staff. A Board's rulings may be appealed to the Commission, the five-member body that sets NRC policy.