

# Duke resolving Reactor 2 issue

Utility: Emergency vent  
line moved, capped

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An issue with a vent line at Oconee Nuclear Station cited in a recent inspection by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is currently being resolved, an official with the Duke Energy plant said Friday.

Oconee is one of a dozen of the nation's 65 nuclear power plant sites where federal inspections following Japan's nuclear crisis revealed issues, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

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Read the NRC's inspection report attached to this story at Greenville Online.com.

The issue at Oconee concerns a vent line in the Unit 2 reactor building, said Preston Gillespie, site vice president at the three-reactor nuclear power plant on Lake Keowee.

Duke inspectors identified the problem in an inspection following the Japanese event, but prior to the NRC inspection, Gillespie said. "We have identified our solution and are putting our actions in place."

The line, which isn't used in routine plant operation and only in case of an extreme situation, was moved and

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agency said.

The NRC carried out the inspections in the aftermath of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Ja-

pan and the resulting damage to the Fukushima nuclear power plant. The NRC said it will continue to evaluate inspection results.

capped because of construction of some new, unrelated safety upgrades.

It will be uncapped, and interim actions will be in place before May 31 to allow use of the line in case of a need, Gillespie said.

## Extreme events

The NRC summary of recent examinations of the nation's 104 operating nuclear power plants' abilities to deal with power losses or damage to large areas following extreme events reaffirmed that that every plant has the capability to effectively cool reactor cores and spent fuel pools following extreme events, the agency said.

Three of the 12 sites have already resolved their issues, and the remaining sites, including Oconee, are actively working to resolve theirs, according to the NRC.

None undermined the plants' abilities to respond to extreme events, the

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