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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH FIRSTENERGY OFFICIALS
TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet Tuesday, June 8, with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company officials to discuss the recent Plant Performance Review of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The plant is located at Oak Harbor, Ohio.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. (EST) in the Energy Education Center of the Davis-Besse Administration Building, 5501 North State Route 2, Oak Harbor. The meeting is open to public observation. NRC officials will be available after the meeting for questions and comments from members of the public and the news media.

[The Plant Performance Review assessment of Davis-Besse was previously covered in News Announcement RIII-99-14, issued on March 31.]

In a March 26 letter to FirstEnergy, which operates the plant, Geoffrey Grant, Division Director in the NRC's Region III Office, said, "Overall, performance at Davis-Besse was acceptable."

The text of the plant performance review letter is available from the NRC Region III Office of Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/ppr/346ppr1.htm>. The review covered the time period from January 1997 through January 31.

NRC reviews safety performance twice a year at every licensed nuclear power plant in the nation. These reviews give the agency staff an integrated assessment of plant performance and provide a basis for planning inspection activities.

Plant performance reviews are an interim measure NRC is using to monitor nuclear power plant safety. The agency began using it for this purpose after suspending the Systematic Assessment of License Performance (SALP) process until a new assessment program is developed. Previously, SALP reports were issued every 12 to 24 months. A new inspection and assessment program is being developed for use next year.

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