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***NRC POSTS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PERFORMANCE DATA ON INTERNET WEBSITE;
SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PILOT PLANT PROGRAM***

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is now posting to its Internet website detailed information on the performance of all nine nuclear power plants participating in a pilot evaluation of the revised reactor oversight process. The NRC is seeking public comments on the pilot program.

Information will periodically be posted in charts and tables to the NRC Internet website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/index.html>

The website will contain data supplied by NRC nuclear power plant licensees, as well as an analysis and evaluation by NRC inspectors and staff, and information on other aspects of the revised oversight process.

Among the information listed will be data on any unplanned reactor shutdowns, unplanned events that result in changes in reactor power, effluent releases in excess of NRC regulatory requirements, the availability of plant security systems, the readiness of the plant emergency response organization - all key indicators of the safety and performance of nuclear plants. Information explaining the revised oversight process, a list of scheduled public meetings and a glossary of terms also will be posted.

The information is being released as part of an NRC initiative to provide more timely and detailed information on nuclear plant performance.

The NRC is also seeking public comment on the pilot program, which is implementing significant revisions to processes for overseeing the safety performance of nuclear power plants. The pilot program was described in a previous NRC press release issued on July 7. The request for comment is discussed in a notice published July 26 in *The Federal Register*.

The comment period runs until November 30. Written comments can be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Comments can be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Electronic comments can be submitted at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/INITIATIVES/1999/COMMENTS/2a_cmt.html

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