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NRC TO MEET WITH ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC. TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF GRAND GULF

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Operations, Inc. on Thursday, April 17, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. The facility is located near Port Gibson, Miss., and is operated by Entergy.

The meeting, which will be open to the public for observation, is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Port Gibson City Hall, 1005 College Street, Port Gibson, Miss.

Before the session is adjourned, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of the plant, as well as the role of the NRC in ensuring safe plant operation.

The performance period to be discussed is January 1 to December 31, 2002. In addition, NRC staff will provide an overview of how the agency's Reactor Oversight Process works.

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV Office to representatives of Entergy addresses the performance of the plant during the period and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/gg_2002q4.pdf

"Overall, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives," the letter says, noting that NRC staff plans to conduct only baseline inspections during 2003.

In addition, the letter notes: "As you are aware, since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the NRC has issued several Orders and threat advisories to enhance security capabilities and improve guard force readiness. We have conducted inspections to review your implementation of these requirements and have monitored your actions in response to changing threat conditions. For calendar year 2003, we plan to continue these inspections and conduct portions of the security baseline

inspection program, as well as perform additional inspections to evaluate your compliance with new requirements that may be ordered."

Current performance information for Grand Gulf 1 is available at:
http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/GG1/gg1_chart.html

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