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NRC TO HOLD TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS INSPECTIONS AT DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR PLANT FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold two public meetings on February 4 to discuss results of inspections at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant following the December 22 San Simeon earthquake. Diablo Canyon is located near San Luis Obispo, California and is operated by Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 333 Madonna Road, in San Luis Obispo.

The first meeting will be a technical session between the NRC staff and officials of PG&E to discuss a special report prepared by the company following the San Simeon earthquake, whose epicenter was 35 miles from the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The public is invited to observe the meeting and will have an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions of the NRC staff after the business portion of the meeting, but before the meeting is adjourned.

Immediately following the technical meeting, NRC officials will meet with the public to provide interim results of its own inspections at the site. Active public participation, by way of questions and comments, is encouraged throughout this meeting.

The NRC issued a letter to PG&E on January 16, summarizing preliminary results of inspections it had performed at Diablo Canyon following the earthquake. Copies of this letter are available from the NRC's Office of Public Affairs in Region IV.

NRC will issue a report within the next few days that will cover the first phase of its inspection activities at Diablo Canyon in response to the earthquake, and issue its final report on earthquake-related inspection activities in the spring. These reports will be available on the

agency's web site and through its Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov> as an Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) document. Help in using ADAMS is available through the NRC Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737.

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