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NRC TO DISCUSS 2004 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co. on May 3 to discuss the results of the agency's assessment of safety performance at the South Texas Project nuclear plant during 2004. The plant is located near Bay City, Texas.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Bay City Civic Center, 201 Seventh Street, Bay City. Before the session is adjourned, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the plant's safety performance, as well as the agency's role in ensuring safe operation of the facility.

"Each year the NRC staff evaluates the performance of each of the nation's commercial nuclear plants," said Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett. "The meeting gives us a chance to discuss our assessment with the company, local officials and residents near the plant. We want to make this information available to the public and answer any questions people may have about the plant."

Overall, South Texas Project operated safely during 2004. The plant will receive routine inspections during 2005.

Routine inspections are performed by the NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, and the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md.

A letter from the Region IV office to plant officials will serve as the basis for the meeting. It is available on the NRC web site at:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/stp_2004q4.pdf .

Current information for South Texas Project Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STP1/stp1_chart.html .

Current information for Unit 2 is available at:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STP2/stp2_chart.html .

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