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NRC TO DISCUSS 2004 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR GRAND GULF NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Operations on May 12 to discuss the results of the agency's assessment of safety performance for the Grand Gulf nuclear plant near Port Gibson, Miss.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Port Gibson City Hall, 1005 College Street, in Port Gibson. 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. "This 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, Grand Gulf operated safely during 2004 and will receive baseline inspections during 2005. Baseline inspections are performed by the NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region IV office and the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md.

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas, 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/gg_2004q4.pdf.

Current information for Grand Gulf is available on the NRC web site at:
http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/GG1/gg1_chart.html.

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