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NRC TO HOLD REGULATORY CONFERENCE WITH OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT ON FORT CALHOUN NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a regulatory conference with officials from the Omaha Public Power District on Nov. 8 to discuss problems with one of the plant's emergency diesel generators. The plant is located near Omaha, Neb.

Conferees will discuss the safety significance, causes and corrective actions associated with two apparent violations of NRC requirements identified by the NRC during an inspection completed on Sept. 18. The violations involve improper electrical maintenance of an emergency diesel generator which resulted in failures on Feb. 14 and Feb. 16. The licensee has taken corrective action to prevent recurrence.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear plants with a color coded process which classifies regulatory findings as either green, white, yellow or red, in increasing order of safety significance. The NRC's preliminary evaluation determined that the safety significance of the two apparent violations was "greater than green," meaning they involved more than very low safety significance.

The meeting is open to public observation. A phone bridge is available to members of the public by calling 1-800-952-9677 and asking to be transferred to the meeting. Members of the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from members of the public after the business portion of the meeting.

No decision on the final significance, the apparent violations or any contemplated enforcement action will be made during the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

The NRC inspection report is available through the agency's electronic reading room at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Help in accessing these documents is available from the NRC Public Document Room staff by calling 1-800-397-4209.

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