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## **NRC TO DISCUSS 2008 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR WATERFORD 3 NUCLEAR PLANT**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet in Killona, La., on March 25 with representatives of Entergy Operations, to discuss the agency's 2008 assessment of safety performance at the Waterford 3 nuclear plant.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Entergy Education Center, 4224 Hwy. 3127, Killona.

In addition to the performance assessment, the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of Waterford 3, as well as the NRC's role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of Waterford 3 and the nation's other commercial nuclear power facilities," NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins said. "This meeting will provide an opportunity for a discussion of our annual assessment of safety performance with the company and with local officials and residents who live near the plant."

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2008 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/wat\\_2008q4.pdf](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/wat_2008q4.pdf).

The NRC said Waterford 3 operated safely during 2008 and will receive the very detailed core inspection regime used by the NRC for plants that are operating well during 2009.

These inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for Waterford 3 is available on the NRC web site at:  
[http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/WAT3/wat3\\_chart.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/WAT3/wat3_chart.html).

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