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NRC SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE 2008 PERFORMANCE OF RIVER BEND NUCLEAR STATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for April 23, in St. Francisville, La., and will be available to discuss and answer questions about the 2008 safety performance of the River Bend Station nuclear power plant. The plant, located in St. Francisville, is operated by Entergy Operations, Inc.,

The open house is informal and scheduled to run between 4 and 6 p.m. at the River Bend Station Training Center Auditorium, 5485 U.S. Hwy. 61N in St. Francisville.

The NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of River Bend Station, as well as the NRC's role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of River Bend Station and the nation's other commercial nuclear power facilities," NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins said. "This open house will provide an opportunity for local officials and interested members of the public to talk to NRC staff about our assessment of the plant's safety performance."

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/rbs_2008q4.pdf.

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

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 River Bend Station is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/RBS1/rbs1_chart.html.

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