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NRC CONDUCTING SPECIAL INSPECTION AT CALLAWAY NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is conducting a special inspection at the Callaway nuclear plant in response to problems discovered with an auxiliary feedwater pump during testing. The plant, located near Fulton, Mo., is operated by Ameren UE.

Operators encountered problems with the turbine driven auxiliary feedwater pump during routine testing on May 25. Operators fixed the pump and subsequently restarted it satisfactorily. The pump is used to supply water to the plant's steam generators in the event all AC power to the plant is lost.

"We want to thoroughly understand the failure and its significance," said Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins.

A team of NRC inspectors will review the circumstances related to the problem, the licensee's root cause evaluation and the effect it had on the availability and reliability of plant safety systems. The team consists of the resident inspectors from the Callaway and Cooper nuclear plants.

The inspection will begin today and is expected to take several days. The team will write a report about 30-45 days after completion of the inspection. The report will be available on the agency's online document library at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>.

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