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NRC, Omaha Public Power District to Meet on Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with officials from the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) on Aug. 27 to hear the licensee's strategic plans to ensure long-term performance improvement at the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant. The plant is located 19 miles north of Omaha, Neb.

No restart decision will be made at the meeting. The NRC's goal is to understand the proposed actions aimed at ensuring long-term performance improvement if a restart decision is granted.

The meeting will be held from 1:30-4:00 p.m. on Aug. 27, in the NRC's Region IV office located at 1600 E. Lamar Blvd., in Arlington, Texas. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned. Members of the public may also participate via phone by dialing 1-877-917-3405, and entering pass code 3179621.

OPPD officials will brief NRC staff on its Fort Calhoun Station plan for sustained improvement and enhancements it believes will provide improved long-term performance post restart. The action plans involve enhancements to safety culture, corrective actions, design basis documents, procedures and other operating programs.

There have been ongoing NRC inspections at the site looking at the short-term recovery actions prior to a restart decision. OPPD's plan offers the first glimpse at detailed long-term plans to sustain performance improvement.