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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS 2010 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Friday, April 29, to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2010 at the Sequoyah nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority, is near Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., about 16 miles northeast of Chattanooga.

An informal open house meeting in the Sequoyah Training Center, 2600 Igou Ferry Road in Soddy-Daisy, will begin with a presentation at 1 p.m. and end at 3 p.m.

NRC staff will be available to answer questions on the safety performance of the Sequoyah plant, as well as the NRC role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"The NRC evaluates nuclear power plants in a systemic and detailed way every year," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "The inspections and oversight at Sequoyah ensure that the plant is operated in a way that protects people and the environment."

A letter sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2010 and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/seq_2010q4.pdf.

The NRC found that the Sequoyah plant met all NRC safety objectives during 2010. Based on that performance, the two Sequoyah units will receive detailed baseline NRC inspections in 2011.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess plant performance. The colors start with "green," which has very low safety significance, to "white," "yellow" or "red," based on the significance of the issues. Inspection findings and performance indicators are updated on the NRC's web site (www.nrc.gov) each quarter.

Current performance information for Sequoyah Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SEQ1/seq1_chart.html. Current information for Unit 2 is at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SEQ2/seq2_chart.html.

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