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NRC TO DISCUSS 2008 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR FORT CALHOUN NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet in Omaha, Neb., on April 27, with representatives of Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) to discuss the agency's 2008 assessment of safety performance for the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant. OPPD operates the plant, located about 20 miles north of Omaha.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha.

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

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of Fort Calhoun 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/fcs_2008q4.pdf.

The NRC said Fort Calhoun operated safely during 2008 and will continue to 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 Fort Calhoun is available on the NRC web site at:
http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/FCS/fcs_chart.html.

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