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NRC TO DISCUSS 2008 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet in Russellville, Ark., on May 4, with representatives of Entergy Operations, Inc., to discuss the agency's 2008 assessment of the safety performance at the Arkansas Nuclear One nuclear plant.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. at Arkansas Tech University, Doc Bryan Bldg., Room 233, 1605 Coliseum, in Russellville.

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

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of Arkansas Nuclear One 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/ano_2008q4.pdf.

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

These inspections are performed by NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for Arkansas Nuclear One Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ANO1/ano1_chart.html.

Current performance information for Unit 2 is available at:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ANO2/ano2_chart.html.

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