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NRC TO HOLD REGULATORY CONFERENCE WITH ENTERGY OPERATIONS ON WATERFORD 3 NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a regulatory conference with Entergy Operations officials on Dec. 14 to discuss the significance of an inspection finding at the Waterford 3 nuclear plant. The plant, about 25 miles west of New Orleans, La., is operated by Entergy Operations.

Conferees will discuss the significance, cause and corrective actions associated with the inoperability of a safety-related battery due to a failure to follow plant procedures during corrective maintenance.

The meeting, which will be open to public observation, will begin at 1 p.m. in the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. The public will have an opportunity to observe and ask questions of NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned. Members of the public can listen to the meeting via a special telephone line by calling 1-800-952-9677, and asking to be connected to the conference.

The NRC evaluates the risk significance of findings at commercial nuclear power plants in terms of increasing order of safety significance. The NRC staff has preliminarily determined that the apparent violation at Waterford had low to moderate safety significance.

No decision on the final significance, the apparent violation of NRC requirements or any contemplated enforcement action will be made during the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later date.

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