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NRC TO DISCUSS 2009 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR GRAND GULF NUCLEAR PLANT MARCH 23

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Operations, Inc., on March 23, to discuss the agency's 2009 assessment of safety performance for the Grand Gulf nuclear plant, located near Port Gibson, Miss.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at the Port Gibson City Hall, 1005 College St., Port Gibson. The NRC staff will present the results of the assessment, talk about the NRC and its range of activities, and be available to respond to questions or comments from the public before the close of the meeting.

"The NRC continually reviews the safety performance of Grand Gulf and each of the nation's commercial nuclear power plants," said Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins. "The meeting provides an opportunity for us to discuss our annual assessment of safety performance with the company, local officials and members of the public. We look forward to meeting with members of the community and answering any questions they may have about our oversight."

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials 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/gg_2009q4.pdf.

The NRC said Grand Gulf operated safely during 2009 and will receive the very detailed inspection regime during 2010 used by the NRC for plants that are operating well.

These inspections are performed by resident inspectors stationed at the plant and by specialists from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for Grand Gulf is available on the NRC web site at:
http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/GG1/gg1_chart.html.

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