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NRC TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS 2009 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold an open house in Bay City, Texas, on June 3, to provide information on the agency's 2009 assessment of safety performance for the South Texas Project nuclear plant.

The NRC open house will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Bay City Civic Center, 201 Seventh St., Bay City.

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of the South Texas Project and the nation's other commercial nuclear power facilities," NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins said. "This meeting will provide local members of the public an opportunity to learn about our annual assessment of safety performance at the plant."

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2009 and will serve as the basis for discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/stp_2009q4.pdf.

Overall, the South Texas Project operated safely during 2009 and will receive the detailed inspection regime during 2010 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 South Texas Project Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STP1/stp1_chart.html. Current performance information for Unit 2 is available at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STP2/stp2_chart.html.

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