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NRC REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AT SAN LUIS OBISPO

Ellis W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region IV office, will hold a press conference tomorrow in San Luis Obispo. Mr. Merschoff will answer questions regarding continued safe operation of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant following the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing of Pacific Gas and Electric Company last week.

The press conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, in the San Luis Obispo Public Library at 995 Palm Ave.

Last Friday, Richard A. Meserve, Chairman of the NRC, assured California Governor Gray Davis in a letter that the agency would continue its inspections and other regulatory activities to assure safe operation of the two unit Diablo Canyon nuclear plant. Chairman Meserve noted that PG&E has assured the NRC that sufficient funds are available to meet the company's obligation to satisfy NRC health and safety requirements. In bankruptcy proceedings, the NRC will seek to ensure that sufficient funds continue to be protected for that purpose.

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