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NRC OVERSIGHT PANEL TO MEET WITH FIRSTENERGY IN LISLE, IL, TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION OF ENGINEERING DESIGN ISSUES AT DAVIS-BESSE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's staff will meet with FirstEnergy officials on Wednesday, May 7, to discuss the utility's ongoing evaluation of the design of key safety systems at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant. The plant, which has been shut down since February 16 of last year, is located in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT) at the NRC's Region III office, 801 Warrenville Road, in Lisle, Illinois. Visitors should report first to the Second Floor reception area. The public is invited to observe the business portion of the meeting and will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned.

Interested individuals unable to attend may listen to the meeting via telephone by calling: (800) 857-9602 and using pass code "Davis-Besse" and "Cheryl Hausman" at the prompt. One hundred phone lines will be available. The meeting will also be available for public viewing by video conference at the NRC Headquarters, Room T-2B5, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

At the meeting FirstEnergy will describe how it believes its engineering reviews offer reasonable assurance that all safety systems are adequately designed; company representatives will also discuss significant outstanding design issues and the plans for resolving them.

This is the second public meeting focusing on the status of the design reviews of Davis-Besse's safety systems. The first meeting was held in the NRC's Region III office in Lisle, Illinois, on December 23 of last year. Presentation materials for the meeting will be available on the NRC web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/ops-experience/vessel-head-degradation/public-meetings.html>. A meeting transcript will be posted on the web site in several weeks.

The NRC oversight panel, created on April 29 of last year, includes NRC management and staff from its Region III office in Lisle, Illinois; the NRC Headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland; and the NRC Resident Inspector Office at the Davis-Besse site.

Documents on the Davis-Besse corrosion issue, including further details on NRC's oversight panel activities, are posted on the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov>. Select "Davis-Besse" from the Key Topics menu.

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