



**UNITED STATES
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THIS LETTER WAS ISSUED TO THOSE ON THE ATTACHED LIST.

Dear :

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING MEETING

Each year, NRC conducts an integrated assessment of performance, based upon the risk significance of the inspection findings of the NRC's resident and region-based inspectors and the insights gained from the licensee-provided performance indicators. The results are then communicated with the public through a public meeting held in the vicinity of each reactor power plant. Nationally, plants with significant performance shortcomings are reviewed by NRC senior management and discussed with the Commission in a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland.

We have completed the assessments associated with the inspection findings and performance indicators for the past year for Columbia Generating Station. The results can be found at http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/WASH2/wash2_chart.html. We have also scheduled a public meeting to discuss the results. The meeting for Columbia Generating Station is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., April 11, 2003, at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland, Washington 99352.

In conjunction with this meeting, we are offering all local decision-makers an opportunity to meet separately with the NRC manager immediately following the public meeting. This opportunity is intended to provide you a forum to ask any questions that you may have and to let you meet personally the NRC personnel with whom you would interface in the event of an emergency at the nuclear power plant.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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I hope you find this opportunity responsive to your needs and I look forward to personally greeting you at the meeting. Should you have any questions concerning this initiative, please contact me at 509/377-2627.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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