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NRC OVERSIGHT PANEL TO MEET WITH DAVIS-BESSE OFFICIALS JULY 9

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Davis-Besse oversight panel will hold two meetings on Wednesday, July 9, to review the status and adequacy of recent activities at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

The plant, operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company near Oak Harbor, Ohio, has been shut down since February 16 of last year due to the corrosion damage to the reactor vessel head.

The meetings will be held in the Oak Harbor High School Auditorium, at 11661 West State Route 163, in Oak Harbor.

The first meeting will begin at 2 p.m. (EDT), when the NRC oversight panel, set up to monitor the activities associated with the plant's recovery from problems which led to the reactor vessel head corrosion, will meet with utility officials. The meeting will focus on the status of repairs at the plant, results of recent NRC inspections and upcoming activities. 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.

The second meeting will begin at 7 p.m. (EDT) for the oversight panel to update the public on NRC's activities related to the reactor vessel degradation and to provide a summary of the earlier meeting. The public will be invited to ask questions and make comments.

The transcripts of both oversight panel meetings will be posted in several weeks on the NRC's web site - www.nrc.gov . Select "Davis-Besse" from the Key Topics menu.

The NRC oversight panel 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.

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