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PERRY NUCLEAR STATION RATED "GOOD" IN FOUR AREAS
IN LATEST NRC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has rated the Perry Nuclear Power Station "good" in plant operations, maintenance, engineering, and plant support in the latest Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) report.

The report was issued October 24 to Centerior Services Company (Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.), operator of the plant. The Perry plant is located 7 miles northeast of Painesville, Ohio. The report covers the period January 8, 1995, through September 14 of this year.

NRC officials will meet November 5 with representatives of the utility to discuss the SALP findings. The meeting, which is open to public observation, will be at 10 a.m. at the Training Center at the Perry plant. NRC staff members will be available after the meeting for questions and comments from the public.

NRC SALP reports rate utilities in four functional areas -- plant operations, maintenance, engineering, and plant support -- and assign ratings of Category 1, 2, or 3 depending on whether their performance in those areas was superior, good or acceptable. Plant support includes radiation protection, security, emergency preparedness, and fire protection.

The report on Perry gives the plant a "Category 2" rating in all four assessment areas, indicating good performance.

NRC Regional Administrator A. Bill Beach, in a letter to the utility, said: "It is my view that conduct of nuclear activities at Perry was good overall and improved in many aspects when compared to the last assessment period. Continued management attention may be warranted to sustain the improving trend that occurred through this assessment period."

He continued, "The improving trend noted in the NRC assessment of Perry performance appears to be due to effective management focus and attention to resolving performance weaknesses and implement improvement initiatives. While personnel errors continued to result in events, the number and significance of personnel errors has been reduced."

The ratings for each functional area of this report and the previous report were:

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<u>Functional Area</u>	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>Previous Period</u>
Operations	2	2
Maintenance	2	2
Engineering	2	2
Plant Support	2	2

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Note: The full text of the SALP report is available on the NRC's internet web site along with the current SALP reports for all operating nuclear plants. The report may be accessed at <<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA>>. SALP reports are also available as they are issued through an internet e-mail subscription. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to listproc@nrc.gov with no subject and with the message: subscribe salp yourfirstname yourlastname.