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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH ENERGY NORTHWEST TO DISCUSS COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION ISSUES

Officials of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with Energy Northwest management on October 28, in Richland, Wash., to discuss operational issues at Columbia Generating Station. Energy Northwest operates the nuclear plant, located near Richland.

Among the issues to be discussed are three plant shutdowns in July and August involving operator performance issues. One of the shutdowns in July prompted the declaration of an Alert at the plant, the second lowest of NRC's four emergency classifications.

"The plant continues to operate safely," said Bruce Mallett, NRC Region IV Administrator. "The company requested to meet with us to discuss steps it is taking to address operational issues that contributed to recent shutdowns."

The meeting will be held at the Energy Northwest Office Complex, Walkley Room, 3000 George Washington Way from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to observe the meeting and NRC staff will be available for comments and questions from the public before the meeting adjourns.

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