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NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICIALS  
TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet Monday, May 3, with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation officials to discuss the recent Plant Performance Review of the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Station. The plant is located at Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

The meeting will be at 1 p.m. (EST) in the Carlton Town Hall, N1296 Town Hall Road, Kewaunee. The meeting is open to public observation. NRC officials will be available after the meeting for questions and comments from members of the public and the news media.

[The Plant Plant Performance Review assessment of Kewaunee was previously covered in News Announcement RIII-99-20, issued on April 5.]

In a March 26 letter to Wisconsin Public Service, which operates the plant, Geoffrey Grant, Division Director in the NRC's Region III Office, said, "Overall, performance at Kewaunee during this assessment period was acceptable."

The text of the plant performance review letter is available from the NRC Region III Office of Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/ppr/305ppr1.htm>. The review covered the time period from February 1997 through January 31.

NRC reviews safety performance twice a year at every licensed nuclear power plant in the nation. These reviews give the agency staff an integrated assessment of plant performance and provide a basis for planning inspection activities.

Plant performance reviews are an interim measure NRC is using to monitor nuclear power plant safety. The agency began using it for this purpose after suspending the Systematic Assessment of License Performance (SALP) process until a new assessment program is developed. Previously, SALP reports were issued every 12 to 24 months.

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