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NRC PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE WITH CENTERIOR SERVICE COMPANY  
ON APPARENT VIOLATIONS OF NRC REQUIREMENTS AT PERRY PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet February 5 with representatives of Centerior Service Company for a predecisional enforcement conference on apparent violations of its operating license for the Perry Nuclear Power Station. The facility is in Perry, Ohio.

The meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of the NRC Region III Office, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois. The meeting is open to public observation.

The meeting will focus on the apparent failure by the utility to identify a defect in an electrical circuit breaker prior to its installation at the Perry plant. This affected circuit breaker supplied power to safety-related ventilation systems including control room filtration which would be needed during certain accident conditions. An NRC inspection last November determined that inadequate testing of the breaker by the utility failed to detect a manufacturing wiring error.

The utility has replaced the defective breaker and has checked and evaluated similar breakers for deficiencies.

The decision to hold an enforcement conference does not mean the NRC has determined that a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. Rather, the purpose is to discuss apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide the licensee an opportunity to point out any errors that may have been made in the NRC inspection report; and to enable the company to outline its proposed corrective actions.

No decisions on the apparent violations or any contemplated enforcement action, such as a fine, will be made at this conference. Those decisions will be made by senior NRC officials at a later date.

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