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CALLAWAY NUCLEAR PLANT RATED 'SUPERIOR' IN THREE AREAS
'GOOD' IN FOURTH IN NRC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Callaway Nuclear Plant, near Fulton, Missouri, received performance ratings of "Superior" in maintenance, engineering and plant support, and "good" in plant operations in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's latest systematic assessment of licensee performance (SALP) for the facility.

The SALP report was sent Friday, June 13, to Union Electric Co., which operates the plant. The report evaluates the plant's performance from April 30, 1995, through May 10 of this year.

NRC staff and Callaway officials will discuss the report during a meeting set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at the Callaway Emergency Operations Facility and Visitors Center. The meeting is open for public observation. NRC officials will be available afterwards to speak with reporters, state and local officials, and members of the public.

NRC systematic assessment reports rate licensed nuclear reactor operators in four functional areas -- plant operations, maintenance, engineering, and plant support -- and assigns ratings of Category 1, 2, or 3 depending on whether their performance in those areas was superior, good or acceptable. Callaway was given the following scores on the current SALP and previous SALP in April 1995:

Functional areas & ratings

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Previous</u>
Plant Operations	2	1
Maintenance	1	1
Engineering	1	1
Plant Support	1	1

In his cover letter to the report, NRC Regional Administrator Ellis W. Merschoff noted that in the Maintenance, Engineering and Plant Support areas Callaway continued to display a superior safety focus. Especially noteworthy were inter-departmental communications and the material condition of safety-related plant systems, structures and components. In the Operations area, good safety focus was highlighted by excellent performance during transient operations and the skills of the individual operators.