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#### NRC INSPECTION TEAM TO MEET WITH WNP-2

##### **Press Conference to Follow the Meeting**

Members of a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) will meet with officials of Washington Public Power Supply System, operators of WNP-2, a nuclear power plant near Richland, Wash., to discuss the team's inspection findings following a June 17 fire main rupture.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room at the Plant Support Facility at WNP-2. A press conference will be held by Mr. Ellis W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator of NRC Region IV, at 10:30 a.m. following the meeting.

Mr. Merschoff will answer questions regarding the results of the special inspection and other nuclear power related-topics of interest to reporters.

The AIT was sent to WNP-2 June 19 following the rupture of a valve in a 12 inch diameter fire main, which flooded rooms containing safety equipment. The team's onsite inspection was completed June 23, and was intended to learn the facts surrounding the incident. Any enforcement action, such as a fine, will be the subject of further inspections and review by NRC managers.