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**NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT LICENSEE MEETING**

Name of Licensee: FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC)

Name of Facility: Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station

Docket: 50-346

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2002, 10 a.m. to 12 noon (EDT)

Location of Meeting: Oak Harbor High School Auditorium  
11661 West State Route 163  
Oak Harbor, OH 43449

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss the NRC's Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel Head Degradation Lessons-Learned Task Force Charter, including objectives, scope, team composition, schedule, review activities, and activities to be conducted onsite at Davis-Besse

NRC Attendees: Arthur T. Howell III, Team Leader  
Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel Head Degradation Lessons-Learned Task Force

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NOTE:

- (1) This meeting is open to attendance by members of the general public.
- (2) NRC personnel, not listed above, that desire to attend this meeting should notify Arthur T. Howell III at 301-415-1784 by COB on June 7, 2002.

Approved By:     /RA/      
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Attachment: NRC's Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel  
Head Degradation Lessons-Learned  
Task Force Charter

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## **ATTACHMENT**

Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel Head Degradation  
Lessons-Learned Task Force Charter

**CHARTER**  
**FOR THE**  
**DAVIS-BESSE REACTOR VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION**  
**LESSONS-LEARNED TASK FORCE**  
**REVISION 1**

Objective

The objective of this Lessons-Learned Task Force is to conduct an independent evaluation of the NRC's regulatory processes related to assuring reactor vessel head integrity in order to identify and recommend areas for improvement applicable to the NRC and/or the industry.

Scope

The task force should address the following areas:

- a. Reactor Oversight Process Issues - evaluate the underlying causes of the Davis-Besse reactor vessel head degradation, and assess whether enhancements to the NRC's reactor oversight process are warranted.
- b. Regulatory Process Issues - evaluate regulations, the licensing review process, and other NRC regulatory processes such as generic communications to determine whether enhancements are warranted in light of the recent discovery of reactor vessel head degradation at Davis-Besse.
- c. Research Activities - determine whether there are any issues associated with the NRC process of utilizing reactor operating experience and the results of various research programs, including research performed by NRC, to appropriately inform the regulatory process in light of the recent discovery of reactor vessel head degradation at Davis-Besse.
- d. International Practices - identify and evaluate, to the extent practical, foreign regulatory practices relevant to the issues raised by the recent discovery of reactor vessel head degradation at Davis-Besse that may enhance NRC programs and practices.
- e. Generic Issue Process - evaluate the NRC process for identifying and responding to emerging technical issues in light of the recent discovery of reactor vessel head degradation at Davis-Besse, including the implementation of short-term and long-term follow-on efforts by the licensee and NRC.

The scope of subjects considered by the task force should not necessarily be limited to those noted above. Should the task force decide to expand or otherwise revise the scope of the charter, the Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs should be informed of any significant changes to the charter or the topics of review. The task force may decide to recommend certain issues for consideration by the staff in the longer term.

The task force should also consider the results of a number of other on-going review activities. These include: (1) the staff's reviews related to the technical root causes of the degradation of the Davis-Besse reactor vessel head; (2) the findings from the NRC's Augmented Inspection Team (AIT); (3) any findings associated with planned AIT followup inspections; and (4) IMC 0350 process review activities.

#### Expected Product and Schedule

The task force will provide its observations, conclusions, and recommendations in the form of a written report to the Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs. The task force review activities should be completed by September 3, 2002. The final issuance of the report should be coordinated with the completion of the review activities, noted above, as appropriate.

#### Staffing

The task force will consist of the following members:

Team Leader:	Arthur T. Howell III, RIV
Assistant Team Leader:	Edwin M. Hackett, RES
Administrative Assistant:	Elaine A. Raphael, NRR
Team Members:	Russell L. Bywater, Jr., RIV Patrick I. Castleman, NMSS Joseph E. Donoghue, NRR Robert C. Haag, RII Thomas Koshy, NRR Ronald L. Lloyd, RES
State Observers:	Representatives, State of Ohio

Other staff members may be consulted on a part-time basis.

#### Senior Management Interface

The task force will report to the Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs and will periodically brief senior management (Executive Director for Operations, Office Directors, Regional Administrators, or their designees) on the status of the effort and provide early identification of significant findings. In addition, the task force will regularly interface with the cognizant OEDO staff to keep them abreast of progress.