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NRC'S TOP EXECUTIVES TO MEET WITH NPPD BOARD

Dr. William D. Travers, Executive Director of Operations from NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, and Ellis W. Merschhoff, Regional Administrator for Region IV in Arlington, Texas, will meet with the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District Thursday, August 8, in North Platte, Nebraska, to discuss the NRC's assessment of the current safety performance of NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station.

The regularly scheduled board meeting will be held in the Employee Development Center at Gerald Gentleman Power Station, North Platte, beginning at 9 a.m. The board meeting is open to the public.

Regulatory performance has declined at Cooper since October 2000, when the NRC identified the first of five inspection findings with low to moderate safety significance. Four of the findings were associated with failures in Cooper's implementation of its emergency preparedness program, while the fifth finding involved a compromise of the biennial requalification exam for plant operators. While these issues are of concern to the NRC, the Cooper plant continues to be operated in a manner that adequately protects public health and safety.

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