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TELECONFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR FEBRUARY 12 DAVIS-BESSE MEETINGS

Teleconference capability will be set up for interested persons unable to attend the two public meetings on the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant to be held on February 12 in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

The two public meetings will be:

- 2 p.m. (EST) - Meeting to discuss the preliminary findings of the followup Restart Readiness Inspection and the followup Management and Human Performance Inspection, which has been evaluating the actions taken by the utility to improve the "safety culture" at Davis-Besse.
- 6 p.m. (EST) - Meeting between the NRC Davis-Besse Oversight Panel and FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company officials to discuss the basis for the utility's request for authorization to restart reactor operations.

Persons wishing to participate in the teleconferences should call toll-free 888/642-8528 and give the pass code of "Davis-Besse." The same number will be used for both meetings.

Both meetings will be at the Camp Perry Clubhouse, 1000 Lawrence Road, Bldg. 600, on Highway 2 west of Port Clinton. A picture identification is required to enter Camp Perry; the guards will provide visitors with directions to the meeting site.

The public is invited to observe the business portion of each meeting and will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meetings are adjourned.

The business portion of each meeting is expected to last about two hours; about one hour will be available for questions and comments from the public in the first meeting, and about two hours will be available in the second meeting.

There will be no decision on possible restart during the 6 p.m. meeting. Following the meeting, the NRC's Davis-Besse Oversight Panel will review the information presented by the company, along with the results of NRC inspections over the past two years.

The panel will submit its recommendation to James Caldwell, Regional Administrator for NRC Region III. Mr. Caldwell will make a decision on the possible restart after conferring with other senior

NRC officials. The decision will be based on the agency's assessment of the ability of FirstEnergy to start up and operate the plant safely.

Extensive information on the NRC's regulatory activities at Davis-Besse is available on the agency's web site: <http://www.nrc.gov> - select "Davis-Besse" from the key topics menu.

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