

Licensee/Facility:

FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING CO.
Davis-besse
Akron, Ohio
Dockets: 050-00346
[1] B&W-L-LP

Notification:

MR Number: 3-2004-0017
Date: 03/11/2004
RIII- Via Teleconf. with Site
License No:

Subject: Davis-Besse Plant Status

Discussion:

This information is current as of 7:30 am (EST) on March 11, 2004. The plant is currently in Mode 3 maintaining Normal Operating Pressure/Normal Operating Temperature (NOP/NOT - 533OF/2155 psig). The licensee completed reactor protection system testing and is making preparations to enter Mode 2. On March 9, 2003, the plant re-entered Mode 3 after the licensee determined that there was a need to re-calculate the estimated critical rod position/boron concentration. NRC inspectors evaluated the licensee's follow-up actions and determined that the actions were appropriate.

Upcoming key events include re-entering Mode 2, re-commencing zero power physics testing, achieving reactor criticality, entering Mode1, performing a readiness and effectiveness review prior to initial grid synchronization, initial grid synchronization, performing a readiness and effectiveness review prior to exceeding 50 percent power, placing a second main feedwater pump in service, reaching 100 percent power. Absent significant performance or equipment problems these events are scheduled to be accomplished in the next five to seven days.

Ongoing resident inspector coverage and around-the-clock inspection and oversight of licensee activities continues with NRC resident inspectors or examiners from Region III and other Regions. This coverage is expected to be in place for approximately 2 weeks.

Regional Action: For Information Only

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