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NRC TO MEET WITH ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC. TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Operations, Inc. on Tuesday, March 30, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at Arkansas Nuclear One. The facility, which includes two operating reactors, is located near Russellville, AR.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2407 North Arkansas Avenue, Russellville. The public is invited to observe the meeting and NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of the plant, as well as the NRC in ensuring safe plant operation.

The performance period to be discussed is January 1 to December 31, 2003. In addition, NRC staff will provide an overview of how the agency's Reactor Oversight Process works.

A letter from the NRC to Entergy addresses the performance of the plant during this period and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/ano_2003q4.pdf.

Overall, Arkansas Nuclear One operated safely and fully met all cornerstone objectives (cornerstones are measures of plant performance). However, the NRC staff believes improvements can be made by Entergy to address deficiencies in their problem identification and resolution programs. The NRC staff plans to monitor the licensee's efforts in this area through its baseline inspection program.

Current performance indicators for Unit 1 are available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ANO1/ano1_chart.html.
Information for Unit 2 is available at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ANO2/ano2_chart.html.

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