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NRC DAVIS-BESSE OVERSIGHT PANEL TO MEET APRIL 8 IN OAK HARBOR, OH

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Davis-Besse oversight panel will hold two meetings on Thursday, April 8, in Oak Harbor, Ohio, to review the status of recent activities at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

The plant, which has been shut down since February 16, 2002, due to the corrosion damage to the reactor vessel head, received NRC approval to restart the plant on March 8. The plant is operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company.

The meetings will be held in the Oak Harbor High School Auditorium, at 11661 West State Route 163, in Oak Harbor.

The first meeting will begin at 1 p.m. (EDT), when the NRC oversight panel, set up to monitor the activities associated with the plant's recovery from problems which led to the reactor vessel head corrosion, will meet with utility officials. The meeting will focus on completed restart activities and future assessment activities at the plant. The public is invited to observe the business portion of the meeting and will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned.

The second meeting will begin at 6 p.m. (EDT) for the oversight panel to update the public on NRC's activities and observations of the plant's restart activities. The public will be invited to ask questions and make comments.

The transcripts of both oversight panel meetings will be posted in several weeks on the NRC's web site - <http://www.nrc.gov>. Select "Davis-Besse" from the Key Topics menu.

The NRC oversight panel includes NRC management and staff from its Region III office in Lisle, Illinois; the NRC Headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland; and the NRC Resident Inspector Office at the Davis-Besse site.

Documents on the Davis-Besse corrosion issue, including further details on NRC's oversight panel activities, are posted on the NRC's web site.

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