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DAVIS-BESSE RESTART STATUS

This information is current as of 3:30 pm (EST) on February 12, 2004. The plant is in Mode 3 maintaining Normal Operating Pressure/Normal Operating Temperature (NOP/NOT - 532°F/2155 psig). The licensee expects to maintain the plant in these conditions until restart. The public meeting with the licensee to discuss the plant's readiness for restart is being held this evening, February 12, near the site at Camp Perry.

LICENSEE ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO RESTART

The licensee is currently tracking outstanding activities that need to be completed prior to restart [Mode 2/1]. There are approximately 52 restart items.

- Corrective Actions: 16
- Condition Reports: 7
- Field Work: 13
- Post Maintenance Tests: 4
- Surveillance Tests: 2

NRC ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO RESTART

The public exits for both the followup Management and Human Performance Inspection and the followup Restart Readiness Assessment Team Inspection are scheduled for 2:00 pm, February 12th, near the site at Camp Perry.

Region III Division of Reactor Safety continues with the baseline Emergency Preparedness Inspection onsite this week, February 9th-13th, focusing on a review of site-specific Emergency Action Levels. A debrief with the licensee is scheduled for the morning of February 13th.

Below is a simplified time line that describes the significant NRC and licensee activities and milestones that are necessary for NRC to authorize restart.

These tentative dates are predicated upon the licensee successfully completing NRC pre-restart activities and demonstrating acceptable operating performance. Key Agency decision points are annotated with asterisks () in the timeline below. The outcome of each decision point could materially alter the timing and substance of the rest of the schedule.**

The details of these activities are described in three internal NRC documents: the Davis-Besse Oversight Panel Process Plan, the Davis-Besse Restart Communications Plan and the Davis-Besse Restart Punch List.



- EP Inspection onsite
- RRATI and M&HP-Phase 3 follow-up inspections public exits
- Public Restart Meeting with the Licensee
 - Describe 0350 NRC Oversight Process
 - Licensee presents basis for restart
 - Describe decision making process

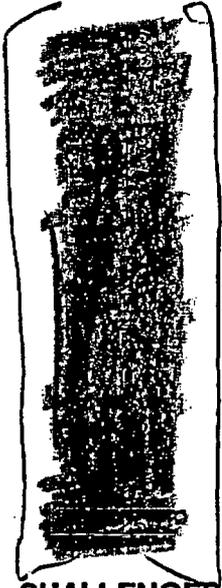
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Panel deliberations on restart decision
Panel briefing for Jim Caldwell, Jim Dyer, and Sam Collins on restart deliberations
Panel issues restart recommendation to Jim Caldwell
Panel briefing for Commissioners' TAs
Jim Caldwell issues draft Order to licensee (for affirmation/hearing declination)
Licensee affirms conditions of Order and declines hearing
Finalize restart authorization letter and Order (letter to be signed by Jim Caldwell; will authorize restart and transmit the Order - Order to be signed by Jim Dyer)
Implement Restart Communications Plan (1-day Enforcement Notification)
Issue restart authorization letter and Order
Implement restart inspection plan

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CHALLENGES THAT THE LICENSEE IS CURRENTLY ADDRESSING

- The NRC is reviewing the licensee's 50.59 evaluation which qualifies the backfeed method through the main and station auxiliary transformers as a qualified power circuit to supply their 1E AC electrical busses. Repairs to the startup transformer are expected to be completed by February 14th.

LICENSEE ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING RESTART AUTHORIZATION

The following sequence of events were taken from a licensee Level 1 schedule.

- NRC approval for restart
- Enter operational Mode 2 (reactor startup)
- Reactor critical - Zero power physics testing
- Enter Mode 1 (greater than 5% power)
- Readiness and effectiveness review prior to synch to the grid
- Synch to the grid
- Readiness and effectiveness review prior to exceeding 50% power
- Reactor at 100% power