



# **0350 Panel Briefing for James Caldwell Davis-Besse Oversight Activities**

**Panel Restart Recommendations**

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## Briefing Book Contents

- **Confirmatory Action Letter**
- **0350 Panel Charter**
- **Licensee Return to Service Plan**
- **NRC Restart Checklist**
- **0350 Panel Process Plan**
- **Significant Inspection Findings / End of Cycle Summary Report**
- **Public Interactions**
- **Briefings for Public Officials**



## **Background Information**

- **March 2002 Discovery of Degradation**
- **Augmented Inspection Team**
- **Confirmatory Action Letter**
- **0350 Decision**
- **Restart Checklist**



## **Safety Culture**

- **Licensee Activities**

- Root Cause Report
- Employee Concerns Program
- Haber Report
- Four C's
- SCWERT
- Case Study

- **NRC Activities**

- Management & Human Performance  
Phases 1, 2 & 3



## **Operations Performance**

- **September 20, 2003 NOP Test Preparations**
- **December 2003 RRATI Results**
- **Late December Operational Errors**
- **January 2004 Corrective Actions /  
Management Changes**
- **February 2004 RRATI Follow-up**



## **Licensing Activities**

- **Vessel Head Replacement**
- **High Pressure Injection Pump Testing**
- **Steam Generators**



## **Public Access and Stakeholder Involvement**

- **NRC has conducted more than 70 public meetings regarding Davis-Besse**
- **NRC is maintaining a specific web page focused on Davis-Besse**
- **NRC has conducted more than 50 briefings of federal, state and local officials**
- **NRC supports continuing Ohio staff involvement in NRC inspections**
- **Ottawa County significantly involved in restart oversight**
- **NRC has responded to several thousand letters and e-mails from concerned individuals**



## **Panel Recommends Confirmatory Order at Restart**

- **Concerns with Self Assessment Capability**
- **Requires independent outside assessment**
- **Areas include safety culture, engineering, corrective actions, operations**
- **Mid-cycle Outage Related Activities**





## **Oversight Should Restart be Authorized**

- **Provide around-the-clock inspection of start-up activities**
- **Davis-Besse Oversight Panel will continue to assess FirstEnergy performance and guide NRC actions**
- **Order-related Additional Inspection**
- **Additional inspection will be conducted as necessary to address areas where performance indicators are not informative and to ensure corrective actions remain effective**
- **Resident inspection staff has been augmented**



## **Conclusions**

- **NRC has taken significant action to ensure FirstEnergy addresses the causes of their poor performance**
- **NRC provided extensive opportunity for stakeholder and public involvement**
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