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NRC TO DISCUSS 2007 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR GRAND GULF NUCLEAR PLANT APRIL 16

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Operations, Inc., on April 16, to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance for last year at the Grand Gulf nuclear plant. The plant is located near Port Gibson, Miss.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the Port Gibson City Hall, 1005 College St., Port Gibson. The NRC staff will present the results of the assessment, talk about the NRC and its range of activities, and be available to respond to questions or comments from the public before the close of the meeting.

“The NRC continually reviews the safety performance of Grand Gulf and each of the nation's commercial nuclear power plants,” said Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins. “The meeting provides an opportunity for us to discuss our annual assessment of safety performance with the company, local officials and members of the public. We look forward to meeting with members of the community and answering any questions they may have about our oversight.”

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials 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/gg_2007q4.pdf.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear plant performance. The colors start with “green” and then increase to “white,” “yellow,” and “red,” commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved.

The NRC's assessment concluded that Grand Gulf operated safely during 2007, but noted deficiencies exist in the area of human performance decision making. The NRC staff will continue to monitor progress in this area, as well as continue to perform the normal, baseline level of inspections.

Routine inspections are performed by inspectors assigned to the plant and by specialists from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for Grand Gulf is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/GG1/gg1_chart.html .

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