



NRC NEWS

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Public Affairs Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive – Suite 400
Arlington, Texas 76011-4005
Telephone: (817) 860-8128

No. IV-08-016
Contact: Victor Dricks
Phone: (817) 860-8128

April 28, 2008
E-Mail: opa4@nrc.gov

NRC TO HOLD REGULATORY CONFERENCE WITH NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT ON COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a regulatory conference with Nebraska Public Power District officials on May 13 to discuss the significance of an inspection finding at the Cooper nuclear plant. The plant is located near Brownville, Ne.

Conferees will discuss the significance of an inspection finding associated with two procedures that contained steps that would not have worked as written. These emergency procedures are relied on by operators to bring the plant to a safe shutdown condition in the event of a large fire at the plant.

The meeting, which will be open to public observation, will begin at 8 a.m. in the NRC's Region IV offices in Arlington, Texas. The public will have an opportunity to observe and ask questions of NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned. Members of the public can listen to the meeting via a special telephone line by calling 1-800-952-9677, and requesting extension 474.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color coded process which classifies regulatory findings as either green, white, yellow or red, in increasing order of safety significance. The NRC staff has preliminary determined that the significance of the violation is "greater than green," meaning it has a greater than very low safety significance.

No decision on the final significance, the apparent violations or any contemplated enforcement action will be made during the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later date.

###

NRC news releases are available through a free list serve subscription at the following Web address: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/listserver.html> . The NRC homepage at www.nrc.gov also offers a SUBSCRIBE link. E-mail notifications are sent to subscribers when news releases are posted to NRC's Web site.