

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
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NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2008-15: EMERGENCY RESPONSE DATA SYSTEM TEST
SCHEDULE REVISED

ADDRESSEES

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

PURPOSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this information notice (IN) to inform addressees of changes to the Emergency Response Data System (ERDS) quarterly test schedule. Suggestions contained in this IN are not NRC requirements; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES

The NRC Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) recently completed implementation of Phase I of the ERDS Modernization Project, which included upgrades to the ERDS infrastructure. The improved ERDS infrastructure allows simultaneous testing of three times as many sites. As a result, the ERDS quarterly test schedule, which currently has plants scheduled throughout the quarter, can be revised so that all plants are scheduled within the first 4 weeks of each quarter. The quarterly test schedule begins during the first full work week of January, April, July, and October. To take advantage of the improved ERDS capabilities, the NRC recommends that each licensee follow the revised ERDS test schedule shown in Enclosure 1 beginning in October 2008.

BACKGROUND

In March 1993, the NRC issued Generic Letter 93-01, "Emergency Response Data System Test Program," which communicated to licensees a recommended ERDS test schedule that was based on the capabilities of the ERDS infrastructure at that time.

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DISCUSSION

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CONTACT

This information notice requires no specific action or written response. Please direct any questions about this matter to the technical contact listed below.

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Enclosures:

1. Emergency Response Data System Test Schedule
2. Emergency Response Data System Support Contact Information

Note: NRC generic communications may be found on the NRC public Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>, under Electronic Reading Room/Document Collections.

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Emergency Response Data System Test Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Open	Beaver Valley-1	Limerick-1	Pilgrim-1	Open
		Beaver Valley-2	Limerick-2	Seabrook-1	
		Fitzpatrick	Millstone-2	Salem-1	
		Calvert Cliffs-1	Millstone-3	Salem-2	
		Calvert Cliffs-2	Nine Mile Point-1	Susquehanna-1	
		Ginna	Nine Mile Point-2	Susquehanna-2	
		Hope Creek-1	Oyster Creek	Three Mile Island-1	
		Indian Point-2	Peach Bottom-2	Vermont Yankee	
		Indian Point-3	Peach Bottom-3	Crystal River-3	
				Watts Bar-1	
WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Open	Browns Ferry-1	McGuire-1	Surry-1	Open
		Browns Ferry-2	McGuire-2	Surry-2	
		Browns Ferry-3	Farley-1	Oconee-1	
		Sequoyah-1	Farley-2	Oconee-2	
		Sequoyah-2	Robinson-2	Oconee-3	
		Brunswick-1	Hatch-1	V. C. Summer	
		Brunswick-2	Hatch-2	St. Lucie-1	
		Grand Gulf-1	Harris	St. Lucie-2	
		Catawba-1	North Anna-1	Turkey Point-3	
	Catawba-2	North Anna-2	Turkey Point-4		
WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Open	Vogtle-1	Dresden-2	Monticello	Open
		Vogtle-2	Dresden-3	Prairie Island-1	
		Callaway-1	LaSalle -1	Prairie Island-2	
		Braidwood-1	LaSalle-2	Quad Cities-1	
		Braidwood-2	Davis Besse-1	Quad Cities-2	
		Byron-1	Duane Arnold	Palisades	
		Byron-2	Fermi-2	Perry-1	
		Clinton-1	Kewaunee	Cooper	
		Cook-1	Point Beach-1	Arkansas Nuclear-1	
	Cook-2	Point Beach-2	Arkansas Nuclear-2		
WEEK 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Open	Comanche Peak-1	Palo Verde-1	Open	Open
		Comanche Peak-2	Palo Verde-2		
		Fort Calhoun-1	Palo Verde-3		
		South Texas-1	San Onofre-2		
		South Texas-2	San Onofre-3		
		River Bend-1	Columbia		
		Waterford-3	Diablo Canyon-1		
	Wolf Creek	Diablo Canyon-2			

**Emergency Response Data System
Support Contact Information**

ERDS Support During Normal Business Hours Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 4:30 pm (Eastern Time)	
Contractor response within sixty (60) minutes	
ERDS Help Desk	301-415-0467 ERDS@nrc.gov

ERDS Support After Normal Business Hours Monday – Friday 4:30 pm – 7:00 am (Eastern Time)			
Contractor response within sixty (60) minutes			
CONTACT	PRIMARY	SECONDARY #1	SECONDARY #2
NRC Headquarters Operations Officer	301-816-5100	301-951-0550	800-532-3469