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NRC SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR POWER ISSUES AND 2008 PERFORMANCE OF CLINTON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for Monday, May 11, to meet with local residents to discuss the NRC's activities and nuclear power issues and answer questions about the agency's 2008 assessment of safety performance at the Clinton station. The plant, operated by Exelon Generation Company is in Clinton, Ill, 24 miles northeast of Springfield, Ill.

The open house is informal and will begin at 6:00 pm at the Elk's Club, 1520 E. South Street, in Clinton. NRC staff will be available to answer questions on the safety performance of the Clinton plant, as well as areas of plant safety and security not specifically associated with the Clinton station.

"Throughout the year, we inspect and review the performance of the Clinton plant and other nuclear power plants in the country," NRC Region III Administrator Mark Satorius said. "In addition to discussing the Clinton plant, the open house will allow us to answer questions and concerns related to nuclear power in general, such as spent fuel storage, nuclear plant security, radiation protection and other topics in an informal setting."

A letter sent from the NRC Region III office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2008 and will serve as the basis for the discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/clin_2008q4.pdf.

The NRC found that the Clinton plant met all NRC safety objectives during 2008, and its performance was at a level that resulted in no additional NRC oversight.

As a result of this performance, the NRC plans to conduct the very detailed inspections required at those plants operating well. Those inspections are by NRC resident inspectors assigned to the site supplemented by more specific inspections completed by region-based NRC inspectors. Among the areas of plant operations to be inspected this year by NRC are radiation protection, emergency preparedness exercise inspection, and an engineering inspection.

Current performance information for Clinton is available on the NRC web site at:
http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/CLIN/clin_chart.html.

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