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## NRC COMMISSIONER DIAZ TO VISIT D. C. COOK NUCLEAR PLANT

Commissioner Nils J. Diaz of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will visit the D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Station on Friday, January 14. He will tour the site and meet with plant officials and members of the NRC staff.

The plant, near Bridgman, Michigan, is operated by American Electric Power Co.

At the conclusion of his visit, Dr. Diaz will be available to answer questions from interested news media at 4:30 p.m. in the Visitors Center at the plant. The plant is at 7700 Red Arrow Highway between Bridgman and Stevensville, Michigan.

Dr. Diaz was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on August 23, 1996. Before joining the NRC, Dr. Diaz was a professor of nuclear engineering at the University of Florida and Director of the Innovative Nuclear Space Power and Propulsion Institute, a national consortium of universities and industry, which he founded. He has consulted for the governments of Spain, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil and Argentina.

Dr. Diaz received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Villanova in Cuba, and both a Master of Science degree and a Ph.D. degree in Nuclear Engineering Sciences from the University of Florida.

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