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NRC TO MEET WITH FIRST ENERGY TO DISCUSS BEAVER VALLEY PLANT PERFORMANCE

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of First Energy Nuclear Operating Company on Tuesday, April 9, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant. The two-unit facility is located in Shippingport, Pa., and operated by First Energy

The meeting, which will be open to the public for observation, is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at the Beaver Valley Emergency Response Facility, Conference Room A, at the site. Before the session is adjourned, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of the plant, as well as the role of the NRC in ensuring safe plant operation.

The performance period to be discussed is April 1, 2001, to December 31, 2001. In addition, NRC staff will provide an overview of the agency's Reactor Oversight Process.

A letter sent from the NRC Region I office to First Energy discusses the performance of the plant during the period and 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/by 2001q4.pdf.

Current performance information for Beaver Valley Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: $\underline{ http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/BV1/bv1 \ chart.html} \ .$

Current performance information for Beaver Valley Unit 2 is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/BV2/bv2_chart.html .

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