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NRC TO MEET WITH FIRSTENERGY MAY 7 TO DISCUSS ROOT CAUSE OF DAVIS-BESSE VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION

The staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet May 7 with representatives from FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company to discuss the licensee's root cause analysis of the degradation to the reactor pressure vessel head at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

The meeting will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room in the agency's One White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The meeting will be open to the public for observation and NRC officials will be available before the meeting adjourns to answer any questions. The meeting contacts are Stephen Sands at (301) 415-3154 and Douglas Pickett at (301) 415-1364.

Interested individuals may listen to the meeting via telephone by calling: 888-810-3138 and entering passcode 1234 at the prompt. One hundred and fifty phone lines will be available.

Davis-Besse, located at Oak Harbor, Ohio, shut down February 16 for refueling and maintenance. Inspections revealed a cavity in the top of the reactor pressure vessel head caused by boric acid corrosion. As announced March 12, the NRC sent an Augmented Inspection Team to the site to monitor the licensee's investigation and evaluation of the degradation to the reactor pressure vessel head and issued a bulletin requesting prompt information from all its pressurized water reactor licensees on vessel head inspections. An exit meeting to discuss the team's findings was held in Oak Harbor, Ohio, on April 5.

To help keep the public informed of its activities, NRC has established a section on its web site where information about reactor pressure vessel head degradation is posted and updated, including press releases, correspondence with NRC licensees and other related documents. The web address is: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/ops-experience/vessel-head-degradation.html>

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