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NRC TO MEET WITH ENTERGY TO DISCUSS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Nuclear Generation Company on Wednesday, March 26, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Pilgrim nuclear power plant. The facility is located in Plymouth, Mass., and operated by Entergy.

The meeting, which will be open to the public for observation, is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Carver Meeting Room at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer Street in Plymouth. Before the session is adjourned, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of the Pilgrim plant, as well as the role of the NRC in ensuring safe plant operation.

The performance period to be discussed is January 1 to December 31, 2002. In addition, NRC staff will provide an overview of how the agency's Reactor Oversight Process works.

A letter sent from the NRC Region I Office to Entergy addresses 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/pilg_2002q4.pdf:

"Overall, Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives," the letter states. Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct only baseline inspections at the site through March 31, 2004.

In addition, the letter notes: "As you are aware, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the NRC has issued several Orders and threat advisories to enhance security capabilities and improve guard force readiness. We have conducted inspections to review your implementation of these requirements and have monitored your actions in response to changing threat conditions. For calendar year 2003, we plan to continue these inspections, conduct portions of the security baseline inspection program, as well as perform additional inspections to evaluate your compliance with new requirements that may be ordered. "

Current performance information for Pilgrim is available on the NRC web site at:
http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/PILG/pilg_chart.html

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