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NRC TO MEET WITH TXU GENERATION MANAGEMENT CO. TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF COMANCHE PEAK

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of TXU Generation Management Co. on Tuesday, April 8, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. The facility, which includes two operating reactors, is located near Glen Rose, TX, and operated by TXU.

The meeting, which will be open to the public for observation, is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Somerville County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., Glen Rose, TX.

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 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 IV Office to representatives of TXU, 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/cp_2002q4.pdf

"Overall, Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives," the letter says.

In addition, the letter notes: "As you are aware, since the terrorist attacks on 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 and 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 Comanche Peak Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: <u>http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/CP1/cp1_chart.html</u>

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