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NRC OVERSIGHT PANEL TO MEET ON JANUARY 21 WITH DAVIS-BESSE OFFICIALS IN OAK HARBOR

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Davis-Besse oversight panel will meet with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. officials on Wednesday, January 21, to review recent activities at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

The plant, operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company near Oak Harbor, Ohio, has been shut down since February 16, 2002, as a result of corrosion damage to its reactor vessel head.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Oak Harbor High School Auditorium, 11661 West State Route 163, in Oak Harbor. The public is invited to observe the business portion of the meeting and will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned.

The meeting will include a discussion by FirstEnergy officials on activities at Davis-Besse and a presentation of the preliminary findings of a followup NRC inspection looking at safety culture issues at the plant.

The transcripts of the oversight panel meeting will be posted in several weeks on the NRC's web site - <http://www.nrc.gov>. Select "Davis-Besse" from the Key Topics menu.

The NRC oversight panel includes NRC management and staff from its Region III office in Lisle, Illinois; the NRC Headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland; and the NRC Resident Inspector Office at the Davis-Besse site.

Documents on the Davis-Besse corrosion issue, including further details on NRC's oversight panel activities, are posted on the NRC's web site.

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