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## NRC ISSUES ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR NATION'S NUCLEAR PLANTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued annual assessment letters to 102 of the nation's 103 operating commercial nuclear power plants. The Davis-Besse nuclear facility in Ohio will not be issued an annual assessment letter by the agency because it is currently under a special NRC oversight program.

Every six months most plants receive either a mid-cycle review letter or an annual assessment letter, along with an NRC inspection plan. Updated information on plant performance is posted to the NRC web site every quarter. The next mid-cycle assessment letters will be issued in September.

The assessment letters sent to each licensee are available on the NRC web site at: <u>http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/index.html</u> and through ADAMS, the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System. Help in using ADAMS is available from the NRC Public Document Room by calling (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4209.

Public meetings at each of the plant sites are planned and will be announced in advance.

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