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NRC TO DISCUSS 2008 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting in Bay City, Texas, on June 3, with representatives of South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co., to discuss the agency's 2008 assessment of safety performance for the South Texas Project nuclear plant.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Bay City Civic Center, 201 Seventh St., Bay City.

During the meeting, the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of South Texas Project, as well as the NRC's role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of South Texas Project and the nation's other commercial nuclear power facilities," NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins said. "This meeting will provide an opportunity for a discussion of our annual assessment of safety performance with the company and with local officials and residents who live near the plant."

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2008 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/stp_2008q4.pdf.

The NRC said South Texas Project operated safely during 2008 and will receive the detailed inspection regime during 2009 used by the NRC for plants that are operating well.

These inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for South Texas Project Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STP1/stp1_chart.html . Current performance information for Unit 2 is available at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/STP2/stp2_chart.html .

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