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NRC SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE FOR APRIL 26 TO DISCUSS GRAND GULF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT 2011 PERFORMANCE AND NRC OVERSIGHT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will host an open house on April 26, to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance last year at the Grand Gulf nuclear plant.

The open house is informal and will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. CDT at the Port Gibson City Hall, 1005 College St., Port Gibson. Grand Gulf is operated by Entergy Operations, Inc. and is located near Port Gibson, Miss.

"The NRC continually reviews the safety performance of Grand Gulf and each of the nation's commercial nuclear power plants," said Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins. "This meeting will allow us to speak directly with the local community about the plant's performance last year and the NRC's actions to make sure the plant continues to operate safely, including additional inspections in response to the events at the Fukushima Daiichi facilities to evaluate the safety of US nuclear plants. Those reviews showed that Grand Gulf and other US plants continue to operate safely."

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials 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/gg_2011q4.pdf.

The NRC said Grand Gulf operated safely during 2011 and will receive the very detailed inspection regime during 2012 used by the NRC for plants that are operating well. These inspections are performed by resident inspectors stationed at the plant and by specialists from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for Grand Gulf is available on the NRC web site at:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/GG1/gg1_chart.html.

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