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NRC STAFF TO DISCUSS D.C. COOK RESTART PLANS

****Regional Administrator to Hold News Conference Following Meeting****

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with American Electric Power Company officials Thursday, March 23, to discuss the status of D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Station's readiness to resume operations. The plant has been shut down since September 1997.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 1 p.m. EST in the plant's Training Building. The plant is located at 7700 Red Arrow Highway between Bridgman and Stevensville, Michigan.

NRC Regional Administrator Jim Dyer will hold a news conference in the plant's Training Building after meeting with the utility. The news conference will be in a nearby room.

During the meeting, NRC and utility officials will discuss D.C. Cook Unit 2's preparations to restart, and review the progress of restart plans and activities. The second reactor on site, Unit 1, will receive similar scrutiny before it resumes operation.

After an NRC design inspection questioned the capabilities of key plant emergency systems to meet their design requirements, the utility shut down both nuclear reactors at the plant in September 1997.

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