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NRC REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE IN RICHLAND

L. Joe Callan, Regional Administrator of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV in Arlington, Texas, will hold a news conference on Wednesday, May 15, in Richland, Wash.

Mr. Callan will meet with reporters at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Walkley Room of Washington Public Power Supply System headquarters on George Washington Way in Richland. He will discuss NRC regulatory activities, the status of Washington Nuclear Project-2, and then will entertain questions.

The news conference will follow a meeting of an NRC oversight panel with WNP-2 managers. That meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Walkley Room and will be open to the public for observation. The oversight panel was created in September to independently monitor and assess efforts to improve performance at WNP-2.

The news conference is one in a series that administrators of NRC's four regions conduct periodically across the nation.

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