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FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company Reviewing NRC Notice of Violation in Davis-Besse Corrosion Issue

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) announced today that it is reviewing a notice of violation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and a proposed \$5.45 million fine related to the corrosion issue at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

The corrosion problem on the plant's reactor head was discovered during a comprehensive inspection and reported to regulators in March 2002. Subsequently, FENOC investigated the causes of the problem, replaced the reactor head, and made numerous staff changes, as well as enhancements to plant programs and equipment. Davis-Besse has operated safely and reliably after it was successfully restarted in March 2004.

The NRC said in a letter to FENOC that this action does not reflect the current performance of Davis-Besse and no further civil enforcement action is expected, absent any new information from the Department of Justice.

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company is a subsidiary of the Akron, Ohio-based FirstEnergy Corp.

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