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NRC TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet in Bay City, Texas, on Thursday, May 19, with representatives of South Texas Project (STP) Nuclear Operating Co., to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance for the South Texas Project nuclear power plant located near Bay City.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Wharton County Junior College (Center for Energy Development) 4000 Avenue F, Bay City, Texas. In addition to the performance assessment, the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of South Texas Project and 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," said NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins. "The meeting provides an opportunity for us to discuss our annual assessment of the plant with the company, local officials and the public. We look forward to answering any questions they may have about our oversight."

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2010 and will serve as the basis for discussion. It is available on the NRC website at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/stp_2010q4.pdf.

The NRC said South Texas Project operated safely during 2010 and will receive the detailed inspection regime during 2011 used by the NRC for plants that are operating well. Inspections are performed by NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas.

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