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NRC PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE WITH TOLEDO EDISON CO.
ON APPARENT FIRE PROTECTION VIOLATIONS AT DAVIS-BESSE PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet Thursday (September 26) with representatives of Toledo Edison Co. for a predecisional enforcement conference on apparent fire protection violations at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The facility is near Port Clinton, Ohio.

The meeting will be at 10 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of the NRC Region III Office, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois. The meeting is open to public observation.

Two apparent fire protection violations will be discussed at the meeting. One involves the failure to take adequate corrective action to avoid potential damage to certain motor-operated valves as a result of electrical shorts which could occur during a fire in the plant's control room.

The second involves the failure of the utility to replace or take other compensatory measures for inadequate radiant energy shields for electrical cables in the reactor containment.

The decision to hold an enforcement conference does not mean the NRC has determined that a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. Rather, the purpose is to discuss apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide the licensee an opportunity to point out any errors that may have been made in the NRC inspection report; and to enable the company to outline its proposed corrective actions.

No decision on the apparent violations or any contemplated enforcement action, such as a fine, will be made at this conference. Those decisions will be made by senior NRC officials at a later time.

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