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Moustis Call for Plant Shutdown ‘Uninformed,’ Exelon Nuclear Says

WARRENVILLE, Ill. (April 10, 2006) – Braidwood Nuclear Generating Station has maintained a high-level of safe operations for years, is among the nation’s safest nuclear energy plants and low level tritium releases at the station have never presented a public health or safety hazard, an official of Exelon Nuclear reaffirmed today.

Further, the plant is an economic engine for far southwest Will County and its closure would devastate the area economically, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Thomas S. O’Neill said.

The statement was a direct response to a news release issued by Will County Board Chairman James Moustis Monday afternoon calling for the plant’s shutdown because of environmental releases of tritium, a naturally occurring form of hydrogen that is also a byproduct of nuclear power production and emits a low level of radiation. While releases of tritium are part of permitted plant operations, some tritium reached an area of groundwater near the plant instead of being discharged into the Kankakee River as permits require.

About 400 Braidwood station employees live in Will County, in addition to hundreds of other Exelon employees. The station itself has an annual payroll of more than \$60 million, and last year paid \$13.5 million in direct taxes to Will County. That does not include \$2.3 million in 2005 taxes paid to the Reed-Custer School District in Braidwood, \$600,000 paid to the Godley Park District or \$200,000 paid to other taxing districts.

It also does not include more than \$200,000 donated by station employees to charitable and non-profit organizations in the Braidwood area in 2005.

Exelon has taken full responsibility for the releases into the ground and has held itself publicly accountable for cleaning up the groundwater, much of which remains on plant property. A steam release Thursday, which Moustis referred to as “outrageous,” contained a small amount of tritium that is allowable and was well within the plant’s operating license limits. The steam release had no health or safety impact on or off the plant site.

“Mr. Moustis is uninformed,” O’Neill said. “Braidwood and its 800 employees and contractors have a long-established public record of operating safely. We had hoped to be working with the county to reassure residents that their drinking water is safe, which it is, and that their health and safety is protected. It’s unfortunate and disappointing that Mr. Moustis would instead call for a shutdown of the plant over this tritium issue.”

Tritium is a form of hydrogen produced naturally in the earth’s upper atmosphere, is found in virtually all water and emits a low level of radiation. It is produced in greater concentrations in commercial nuclear reactors. The U.S EPA has established safe drinking water standards for tritium. There is no evidence that any amount of consumption below those standards carries any health or safety hazard, and no such health impact has ever been observed. Only one drinking water well near Braidwood has been found to contain any detectable level of tritium, at a fraction of the safe standard.

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