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Update: Exelon to Host Community Information Night July 26
Braidwood Station provides update on tritium recycling program

BRACEVILLE, Ill. (June 5, 2007) – Braidwood Generating Station will host a community information night Thursday, July 26 to provide an update on its tritium remediation efforts and information about the plant water recycling program that was provided to the public in March 2006.

The recycling program involves moving water from system to system in the plant rather than discharging it through the ‘blowdown’ line to the Kankakee River or to the station’s cooling lake.

- Overall, the recycling program is working well and has resulted in a significant reduction in tritium concentrations released to the environment, which would have otherwise been released through the blowdown line or to the station’s cooling lake.
- Recycling plant water results in higher tritium concentrations in some plant systems and on-site storage tanks, but, overall, releases to the river and cooling lake have been significantly reduced. Tritium levels in the station’s cooling lake have increased slightly but are still below five percent of the federal safe drinking water standard. The permitted releases pose no health or safety issues to plant, fish or animal life in the station’s cooling lake or to the public and station employees. The releases are well below regulatory limits.
- As part of Braidwood Station’s commitment to keeping the public informed about tritium-related activities, the station contacted the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Illinois Emergency Management Association, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, county and local officials about an incident that occurred May 23 on station property where recycled plant water containing tritium lapped over the side of a concrete, lined retention basin due to high winds in the area. All of the water remained on station property and is not expected to migrate off site.
- Braidwood Station’s information night will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at Exelon’s Services and Training Center, 36400 S. Essex Road, Wilmington, Ill.

“Braidwood Station is committed to keeping the levels of tritium as low as reasonably possible. We will continue to look for new and innovative ways to further reduce tritium releases to the environment,” said Tom Coutu, Braidwood Station Site Vice President.

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