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Nuclear station reducing power this weekend

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Columbia Generating Station nuclear power plant 10 miles north of here is scheduled to reduce power to approximately 40 percent beginning just after midnight tomorrow night. The plant is scheduled to return to full power late Sunday.

The power reduction will allow workers at the 1,150-megawatt power plant to conduct a variety of safety and operational tests, and repair minor steam leaks within the plant.

“Proactive measures, like those scheduled for this down-power, further enhance the safety and reliability of any nuclear power station,” said Dale Atkinson, Vice President for Nuclear Generation and Chief Nuclear Officer. “Columbia is running very well. Our activities this weekend will help ensure it remains that way.”

Atkinson said work to repair steam leaks associated with the turbine generator system at both nuclear and non-nuclear power plants is a necessary part of operations. The work slated for this weekend will improve plant performance and continue to increase reliability. With Columbia’s power valued at more than \$1 million a day, we want to be sure we’re generating as much ‘at-cost’ power for northwest ratepayers as possible,” he said.

Columbia Generating Station is owned and operated by Energy Northwest, a not-for-profit Joint Operating Agency comprised of 20 public power utilities in Washington State. All the power produced at the facility is delivered to the Bonneville Power Administration at the cost of production.

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