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**JAPANESE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY LEADERS TOUR DAVIS-BESSE**  
**Focus on Design and Engineering**

Oak Harbor, Ohio – Representatives from the Japan Nuclear Technology Institute (JANTI) – one of the world’s leading nuclear energy organizations – will tour Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station on January 30, 2009. Davis-Besse is operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, a subsidiary of Akron, Ohio-based FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE).

In addition to the tour, Davis-Besse personnel will conduct a series of high-level meetings with JANTI leaders, focusing on design engineering principles, engineering staff qualification requirements and quality assurance processes.

“The JANTI leaders could have visited virtually any nuclear plant in the United States and we are honored they chose Davis-Besse,” said Barry Allen, site vice president, Davis-Besse. “An international event like this is mutually beneficial because both sides can share ideas and best practices, particularly those involving design and engineering programs.”

FirstEnergy Corp. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies comprise the nation’s fifth largest investor-owned electric system, based on 4.5 million customers served within a 36,100-square-mile area of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and its generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

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