

national/regional Trojan cleared to go back on line

RAINIER (AP) — Inspectors from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reached agreement with operators of the Trojan nuclear plant here Monday on safety improvements, clearing the way for the plant to resume operations.

Plant workers planned to restart the plant early Tuesday and reach full power production late this week, said Bill Babcock, spokesman for Portland General Electric Co., which operates the Rainier plant.

Six inspectors from the NRC's national and regional offices were sent to the Rainier plant after three of its safety components — two pumps and a generator — failed when the plant automatically shut down Thursday when workers in-advertently increased its power too rapidly.

The pumps provide coolant for the plant, and the generator is one of two that provides electricity during an emergency. The other generator worked.

Three days before the components failed, the second of two radioactive water leaks occurred at the plant. Two men were contaminated in one of the leaks and had to be cleansed, but were not seriously injured. Nobody was contaminated in the second leak. The leaks were blamed on fittings that had three bushings on them instead of two.

Babcock said PGE agreed to long-term and short-term programs aimed at ensuring "a high degree of reliability of safety equipment at Trojan."

Trojan, Oregon's only nuclear power plant, has been idle since June 27 for refueling.

Bank cannot pay millworkers

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon Bank does not own the Mt. Mazama Plywood Co. mill in Sutherlin and cannot reimburse back pay, officials told picketing workers from the plant Monday.

The money was owed the workers when the mill was closed in early August after Oregon Bank cut off further loans to Mt. Mazama.

Three suppliers subsequently filed an involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, seeking nearly \$160,000 in debts they claim are owed.

Oregon Bank President Jim

Davis met with representatives of the 34 unpaid workers after 21 of them picketed the downtown Portland bank Monday.

Davis said Oregon Bank would not be the de facto owner of the mill until it is sold. In the meantime, he said, it still belongs to Mazama Timber Products of Creswell.

Worker spokesman Steve John said the workers are suffering severe financial difficulty. "I think I'll call the bank to come get my old broken-down wreck," he said, adding he cannot afford to fix his car.

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