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NRC Schedules Open House for May 7th to Discuss Performance of Limerick Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold an open house on Thursday, May 7, to discuss the agency's annual review of safety performance at the Limerick nuclear power plant, which is located in Limerick (Montgomery County), Pa.

During the open house, scheduled for 5-7 p.m. at the Limerick Township Municipal Building, at 646 W. Ridge Pike in Limerick, members of the public will be able to hold one-on-one discussions with NRC staff regarding the plant's performance in 2013, as well as the agency's oversight plans for the facility this year. The NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant on a full-time basis, as well as their supervisor, will be on hand.

Under the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process, color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators are used to assess plant performance. (Performance indicators are statistical measurements of plant and equipment performance which, if exceeded, trigger additional NRC oversight.) The colors range from green, connoting very low safety or security significance, to white, yellow or red, for an issue of high significance.

Overall, the Limerick plant, which is operated by Exelon Generation Co. LLC, performed safely during 2013, with no performance issues requiring increased oversight. As a result, Limerick will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2014, barring any changes.

The normal level of oversight consists of a detailed regime entailing thousands of hours of inspection. In 2013, the NRC devoted approximately 5,440 hours of inspection at Limerick.

"We take very seriously the task of stepping back on a regular basis to size up plant performance. These comprehensive evaluations help guide our reviews for the year ahead, though we maintain flexibility should conditions change," NRC Region I Administrator Bill Dean said. "Limerick, by virtue of its performance in 2013, will receive our routine – though still substantial – battery of inspections."

The NRC issues reports on performance at each plant twice a year: during the mid-cycle, or mid-point, of the year, and at the conclusion of the year. Inspection findings and performance indicators are also updated on a quarterly basis on the agency's [website](#). Following the release of the Annual

Assessment letters each March, the NRC meets with the public in the vicinity of each plant to discuss the results.

Normal inspections are carried out by the two Resident Inspectors assigned to Limerick. Reviews are also performed at the sites by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa. Among the areas to be inspected this year at Limerick are radiological safety, the plant's problem identification and resolution program, permanent plant modifications and emergency planning.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for Limerick, as well as the [meeting notice](#) for the May 7 open house, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information is also available for [Limerick Unit 1](#) and [Limerick Unit 2](#).