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## **NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Performance of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will host an open house on Sept. 15 in Tonopah, Ariz., to discuss the agency's safety assessment of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. The plant, located 55 miles west of Phoenix, is operated by Arizona Public Service Co.

The open house is informal and will be held from 6 - 7:30 p.m. MST at the Ruth Fisher Elementary School, 38201 W. Indian School Road. There will be no formal presentations at the meeting but attendees will have an opportunity to speak directly with the inspectors assigned to the plant full-time, as well as staff from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

“The NRC continually reviews the safety performance of Palo Verde and each of the nation's commercial nuclear power plants,” said Region IV Administrator Marc Dapas. “Meetings like this provide members of the public with an opportunity to speak directly with the NRC staff who help ensure the plant's safety on a day-to-day basis.”

A [letter](#) was sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials March 4 summarizing the NRC's 2013 safety assessment.

Overall, Palo Verde operated safely during 2013 and is receiving a level of rigorous inspection and oversight given to plants that are operating well. Inspections are performed by resident inspectors stationed at the plant and by specialists from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

Current performance information for Palo Verde [Unit 1](#), [Unit 2](#) and [Unit 3](#) is available on the NRC website.