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NRC to Hold Open House on 2016 Performance of Nine Mile Point, FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will be available to discuss the 2016 safety performance of the James A. FitzPatrick and Nine Mile Point nuclear power plants at an open house on April 20 in Scriba, N.Y.

Nine Mile Point Units 1 & 2 and FitzPatrick are operated by Exelon Generation Co. and located in Scriba.

The open house will run from 4-6:30 p.m., at the Scriba Municipal Building, at 42 Creamery Road. Agency employees responsible for inspections of the plant, including the resident inspectors based at the sites on a full-time basis, will be on hand to discuss the plant's performance and the NRC's oversight of the facility.

Overall, FitzPatrick and Nine Mile Point Units 1 & 2 operated safely during 2016. As of the end of last year, neither FitzPatrick nor the Nine Mile Point units had inspection findings or performance indicators outside the normal band. As a result, all three units are currently under the NRC's baseline level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

Under the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process, the agency gauges plant performance through the use of color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators, which are statistical measurements of plant performance that can trigger additional oversight if exceeded. Any inspection findings or performance indicators that are greater than green (very low safety significance) trigger increased NRC oversight.

Day-to-day inspections are performed by resident inspectors assigned to each plant. Reviews are also carried out at the sites by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency's Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa.

The annual assessment letters for <u>FitzPatrick</u> and <u>Nine Mile Point</u> are available on the NRC <u>website</u>. Current performance information is available for <u>FitzPatrick</u> and Nine Mile Point <u>Unit 1</u> and <u>Unit 2</u> on the NRC website.

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