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NRC to Conduct Public Meeting to Discuss Performance of Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will be available to discuss the 2016 safety performance of the Peach Bottom nuclear power plant, which is operated by Exelon, during a public open house planned for May 3 in Delta, Pa.

The open house will run from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Peach Bottom Inn, 6085 Delta Road. On hand to discuss the plant's performance and the NRC's oversight of the facility will be agency employees responsible for inspections of the plant, including the Resident Inspectors based at the site on a full-time basis.

Overall, Peach Bottom operated safely during 2016. As of the end of last year, the plant had no inspection findings or performance indicators outside the normal band. As a result, it is currently under the NRC's baseline level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

"Our reviews have determined that performance at Peach Bottom remains consistent with our safety requirements," said NRC Region I Administrator Dan Dorman. "Based on that determination, we intend to carry out the normal sequence of inspections at the plant during 2017, covering areas that include emergency planning, radiological safety and the maintenance of safety equipment and systems."

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 two Resident Inspectors assigned to the 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 <u>Annual Assessment letter</u> for Peach Bottom, as well as the <u>notice</u> for the meeting, are available on the <u>NRC website</u>. Current performance information is also available for <u>Unit 2</u> and <u>Unit 3</u>.