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## NRC to Conduct Public Meeting to Discuss 2017 Performance of Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Grand Gulf nuclear power plant, operated by Entergy, during a public meeting on March 20 in Vicksburg, Miss.

The meeting, to be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 3330 Clay St., will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

Grand Gulf operated safely during 2017. But because the number of unplanned shutdowns exceeded an established performance threshold, Grand Gulf will receive a supplemental inspection in addition to the normal level of NRC oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and indicators to measure plant performance. The colors start at green and increase to white, yellow or red, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Inspection findings or performance indicators with more than very low safety significance trigger increased NRC oversight.

Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from Region IV in Arlington, Texas.

The annual assessment <u>letter</u> for Grand Gulf as well as the notice for the <u>meeting</u>, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for Grand Gulf is also available.