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NRC to Conduct Open House to Discuss 2017 Performance of Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Point Beach nuclear power plant, operated by NextEra Energy Point Beach LLC, during an open house on April 10 in Two Rivers, Wisc.

The open house, which will be held at the Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams St. in Two Rivers, will begin at 5 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 the plant's performance.

Point Beach Units 1 and 2 operated safely during 2017. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green or low safety significance. As a result, Point Beach remains under the NRC's normal level of oversight. This oversight 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 the agency's Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

The <u>annual assessment letter</u> for Point Beach, as well as the <u>notice</u> for the open house, are available on the <u>NRC website</u>. Current performance information is also available for Point Beach <u>Unit 1</u> and <u>Unit 2</u>.