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## NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant 2022 Safety Performance

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a [public meeting](#) April 20 to discuss the 2022 safety performance of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. The four-unit plant is located in eastern Georgia near Augusta and is operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Co.

The event is scheduled to run from 6-7 p.m. Eastern time at the Augusta Technical College, 216 Highway 24 S., in Waynesboro. The meeting will also be hosted online via [Microsoft Teams](#) and assessable by telephone by calling 301-576-2978, passcode 846788592#.

NRC resident inspectors based full-time at the site and other staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight will be available to answer questions about the plant's safety performance and the agency's role in ensuring its safe operation. The NRC's [Vogtle Readiness Group](#) will also be on-site to discuss regulatory and technical topics about Units 3 and 4 and be available to answer questions from those participating remotely during that portion of the annual assessment meeting.

In August 2022, Vogtle Unit 3 transitioned from the Construction Reactor Oversight Process to the Reactor Oversight process after receiving authorization to load fuel and begin operations. The unit began startup testing in late 2022, reached initial criticality in March 2023, and continues to prepare to enter commercial operation.

The NRC found that Vogtle Units 1 and 2 operated safely during 2022. Likewise, the NRC concluded that overall performance at Unit 3 protected public health and safety, and Unit 4 is being built in a safe manner. As a result, all four units are under the NRC's normal level of oversight, which entails thousands of inspection hours each year.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process and the Construction Reactor Oversight Process use color-coded inspection findings and indicators to measure plant and construction 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.

The annual assessment letters for [Vogtle 1 & 2](#), [Vogtle 3](#) and [Vogtle 4](#), including upcoming inspection plans, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for all four units is available on the NRC website and updated quarterly.