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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Braidwood Nuclear Power Plant Performance

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2023 safety performance of the Braidwood nuclear power plant during an <u>open house</u> May 29. The two-unit plant, operated by Constellation Energy Generation, is located in Braceville, Illinois, approximately 20 miles south-southwest of Joliet.

The meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m. Central time at the Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St. in Braidwood. The NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight, including the resident inspectors based at the site, will be available to answer questions and provide information of interest to the community.

The open house format allows more interaction with the NRC staff and facilitates one-onone and small-group discussions. It also gives flexibility to nearby residents and others who want to attend.

The NRC determined that Braidwood operated safely during 2023. All inspection findings and performance indicators were green or very low safety significance. As a result, Braidwood remains under the NRC's normal level of 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.

Plant inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the agency's Region III office in Lisle, Illinois.

The <u>annual assessment letter</u> for Braidwood is on the NRC website. Current <u>performance</u> <u>information</u> is also available and updated on a quarterly basis.