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## **NRC TO DISCUSS 2010 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR LASALLE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UNIT 1 AND 2 APRIL 13**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Exelon Generation Co. on Wednesday, April 13, to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance for last year at the LaSalle nuclear power plant. The dual-unit plant has two reactor units in Marseilles, Ill., about 80 miles southwest of Chicago.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. CDT at the Brookfield Township Hall, 2099 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Road in Seneca. The NRC staff will present the results of the 2010 assessment, talk about the NRC, and its range of activities, and be available to respond to questions or comments from the public before the close of the meeting.

“The NRC continually reviews the performance of the LaSalle plant and the nation's other commercial nuclear power facilities,” said NRC Region III Administrator Mark Satorius. “This meeting allows us to discuss our annual assessment of safety performance with members of the local community. The goal of this open house is to explain how the NRC works to protect people and the environment and answer questions from residents about nuclear regulation.”

A letter sent from the NRC Region III Office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during the period and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC Web site at:

[http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/lasa\\_2010q4.pdf](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/lasa_2010q4.pdf).

Overall, the NRC found that the LaSalle plant operated safely in 2010. The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear plant performance. The colors start with “green” and then increase to “white,” “yellow” or “red,” commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved.

All performance indicators and inspection findings for LaSalle during 2010 were determined to be “green.” Performance indicators are a statistical measurement of plant and equipment performance.

LaSalle will continue to receive the detailed inspection regime required for plants that are operating well and require no additional oversight. Inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill., and the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md. Among the areas of plant operations currently being inspected are radiation protection, dry cask spent fuel storage, emergency preparedness and strike contingency planning.

The most current performance information for LaSalle is available on the NRC website at: [http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LASA1/lasa1\\_chart.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LASA1/lasa1_chart.html) and [http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LASA2/lasa2\\_chart.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LASA2/lasa2_chart.html).

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