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NRC Schedules Open House for March 18 to Discuss Surry Nuclear Plant Safety Performance

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for Tuesday, March 18, to discuss the agency's inspections and assessment of the Surry nuclear power plant during 2013. The Surry plant, operated by Dominion, is located near Surry, Va., about 17 miles northwest of Newport News.

The open house is scheduled to run from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Surry Government Center, 45 School St., in Surry. The NRC staff, including the onsite resident inspectors, will be available to answer questions about the safety performance of the Surry plant as well as overall NRC oversight and inspection.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that both units at the Surry plant operated safely in 2013. There were no additional inspection findings or performance indicators that would cause the NRC to increase its level of oversight and inspection. During 2014, the NRC staff will continue the detailed routine inspections at Surry that all nuclear power plants receive.

In addition to those inspections, the NRC staff also plans to conduct an initial exam for operators and an audit of the plant's efforts in complying with an order related to mitigation strategies for external events.

Inspections are carried out by the NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by specialized inspectors from the Region II office in Atlanta.

"Our resident and region-based inspectors spend many hours monitoring plant activities to ensure that the plant operates safely," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "We hold these meetings every year to make our staff available to people who live close to the plant and answer questions about our oversight."

Inspection findings and performance indicators for Surry and other nuclear plants are updated on the NRC [website](#) each quarter.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for Surry is available on the NRC website or can be obtained by contacting the Region II Office of Public Affairs with the information above.

Current performance information for [Surry Unit 1](#) and [Surry Unit 2](#) is also available on the NRC website.