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NRC Schedules Meeting in Holly Springs to Discuss Harris Nuclear Plant Performance

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled an open house and presentation for May 5 to provide information on the agency's assessment of the Harris nuclear power plant during 2013.

An informal open house and poster session is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in the Holly Springs Cultural Center, 300 West Ballentine St., in Holly Springs, N.C. That session will be followed by a brief presentation at 6:30. NRC staff will be available to answer questions about the safety performance of the Harris plant as well as overall NRC oversight and inspection.

The Harris plant, located about 20 miles southwest of Raleigh, is operated by Duke Energy.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that the Harris plant operated safely in 2013. During the first quarter of 2013, the plant was under increased NRC oversight due to an issue related to the ventilation system for some of the plant's emergency facilities, but the company took corrective actions and there were no inspection findings or performance indicators during the rest of the year that would cause the NRC to increase its level of oversight. Based on that performance, the NRC staff plans to continue the detailed routine or baseline inspections all nuclear power plants receive.

“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.”

Routine inspections are carried out by the NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual [assessment letter](#) for the Harris plant and [current performance information](#) are available on the NRC website.