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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Brunswick Nuclear Plant Performance

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled an open house and poster session for May 7 to provide information on the agency's assessment of the Brunswick nuclear power plant during 2013.

The informal open house and poster session is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in the Brunswick Media Center Auditorium, 8520 River Road SE, in Southport, N.C. NRC staff will be available to answer questions about the safety performance of the Brunswick plant as well as overall NRC oversight and inspection.

The Brunswick plant, which is located about 30 miles south of Wilmington near Southport, is operated by Duke Energy.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that the Brunswick plant operated safely in 2013. During 2013, NRC inspectors identified an apparent violation related to the protection of some plant equipment during certain flooding scenarios. The NRC staff currently plans to continue the detailed routine or baseline inspections all nuclear power plants receive, but the agency's final decision on the apparent violation may affect the plant's assessment and the level of NRC oversight.

“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 Brunswick plant, as well as current performance information for both [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#), is available on the NRC website.