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NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Annual Assessment of St. Lucie Nuclear Plant

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting on May 23 to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2013 at the St. Lucie nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by Florida Power & Light Co., is located about 10 miles southeast of Fort Pierce near Jensen Beach, Fla.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. with a brief presentation at the Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave, in Fort Pierce. That session will be followed by an open house/poster session explaining the NRC's role and the NRC staff will be available to answer questions on the safety performance of the plant last year.

“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.”

A [letter](#) sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2013 and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC website.

The NRC review concluded that the St. Lucie plant operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and protected the environment. Based on the plant's performance, the NRC staff plans to continue the detailed routine or baseline inspections this year that all nuclear power plants receive.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess plant performance. The colors start with green, which has very low safety significance, and then progress to white, yellow or red, based on the significance of the issues. Inspection findings and performance indicators are updated on the NRC's website each quarter.

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