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NRC Schedules Open House May 22 to Discuss Performance of Fermi Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold an open house May 22 to discuss the agency's annual safety performance of the Fermi nuclear power plant. The single unit plant is operated by DTE Electric Co., and is located in Newport, Mich., about 25 miles northeast of Toledo.

The open house is scheduled for 6-7 p.m. at the Monroe County Board of Commissioners' Chambers, in the Monroe County Courthouse, 125 E. Second St., in Monroe. Attendees can have one-on-one discussions with NRC staff members about the plant's 2013 performance and the agency's oversight of the facility.

"NRC inspectors spend a significant amount of time monitoring a wide range of plant activities to ensure the plant operates safely. Our hands-on approach is a key factor in protecting the public and environment," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. "We hold public meetings near the plant every year to make our inspectors available and accessible to answer questions and have open discussions about NRC oversight with those who live near the plant."

The NRC review concluded that Fermi operated safely in 2013. During the first half of the year, the plant received additional NRC oversight because of the number of unplanned reactor shutdowns per 7,000 hours of operation, a key performance indicator. Once the NRC determined that DTE Electric had corrected the problem, the agency resumed its normal oversight.

This year Fermi will continue to receive the detailed inspection regime used by the NRC for all plants. Routine 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.

The annual assessment letter sent from the NRC Region III office to the company addresses the performance of the plant during 2013, and, current performance information for Fermi are available on the [NRC website](#).