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NRC Schedules Public Meeting July 17 to Discuss Performance of Braidwood Nuclear Power Station

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting July 17 to discuss the agency's annual assessment of safety performance for the Braidwood nuclear power station. The two-unit plant is operated by Exelon Generation Co., and is located in Braceville, Ill., approximately 20 miles southwest of Joliet.

The meeting is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. at Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main Street, in Braidwood. The NRC will present its assessment of the plant's 2013 performance, talk about agency activities, and be available to respond to questions or comments from the public.

"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 [annual assessment letter](#) sent from the NRC Region III office to the company addresses the performance of the plant during 2013 and will serve as the basis for the discussion.

Overall, the Braidwood facility operated safely in 2013, with no significant inspection findings or negative performance indicators. As a result, Braidwood Unit 1 and Unit 2 will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2014.

Inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant, inspection specialists from the Region III office in Lisle, Ill., and specialists from the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md. Among the areas of performance to be inspected this year by NRC inspectors are activities associated with radiological safety, equipment designs, and emergency preparedness.

The most current performance information for Braidwood [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is available on the NRC website.