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

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house on Tuesday, March 17 to discuss the agency's assessment of the safety performance during 2014 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 informal open house and poster session is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in Room 6 of the Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Avenue, in Fort Pierce. NRC staff will be available to answer questions on the plant's safety performance during the last calendar year or any other concerns expressed by members of the public.

“NRC inspectors continually evaluate each nuclear plant's safety, and each year we take a detailed look at that information to identify any trends and help plan future inspections,” said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. “Inspection results are available throughout the year, but these annual meetings allow us to talk to local residents and answer any questions they may have.”

A [letter](#) sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2014 and will serve as the basis for the open house. 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. Unit One will receive some additional oversight and inspection due to a finding of low to moderate safety significance in the third quarter of 2014. That finding – since corrected – involved failure to maintain watertight integrity of the reactor auxiliary building. Unit Two will continue to receive 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. The Unit One finding from 2014 was white, which had low to moderate safety significance. 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.