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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Catawba Nuclear Plant 2014 Performance

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house and poster session for Wednesday, April 8 to discuss the agency's assessment of the Catawba nuclear plant's two units during 2014.

The plant, operated by Duke Energy, is located near York, S.C., about 18 miles south of Charlotte, N.C.

The open house and poster session is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hill City Hall Rotunda, 155 Johnston St., Rock Hill, S.C.

NRC staff members will be available to answer questions on the safety performance and regulatory oversight of the Catawba plant, as well as highlights of NRC inspections.

“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.”

The NRC Region II office sent a [letter](#) to plant officials addressing Catawba plant performance during 2014, and while that letter will serve as the main focus of the open house, NRC staff members will be available to answer other questions about the NRC's role at the plant.

The NRC review of the Catawba plant for 2014 concluded that the plant operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and protected the environment. Because of that performance, it will continue to receive 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.

Current performance information for both Catawba [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is available on the NRC website, and that information is updated throughout the year.