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NRC Schedules Open House April 22 to Discuss Agency's 2014 Assessment of Hatch Nuclear Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled an open house for April 22 to provide information on the agency's assessment of the two units at the Hatch nuclear plant during 2014.

The informal open house is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Appling County Courthouse Annex, 69 Tippins St. in Baxley, Ga. There will be informational posters and NRC staff will be available to answer questions about the safety performance of the Hatch plant, as well as overall NRC oversight and inspection.

The Hatch plant is located near Baxley, Ga., about 20 miles south of Vidalia. It is operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Co.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that Hatch Units 1 and 2 operated safely in 2014, and the plant will continue to receive the detailed routine or baseline inspections conducted at all nuclear power plants.

"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."

Routine inspections are carried out by the NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual [assessment letter](#) for the Hatch plant, as well as current performance information for [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is available on the NRC website.