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NRC to Conduct Open House April 28 in Oswego, N.Y., to Discuss 2014 Performance of Nine Mile Point Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public open house on Tuesday, April 28, in Oswego, N.Y., to discuss the agency's annual review of safety performance at the Nine Mile Point nuclear power plant. The two-unit plant is located in Scriba, N.Y., and operated by Exelon.

NRC staff will be on hand from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the campus of the State University of New York – Oswego. The location will be in the auditorium (Room 132) of the Marano Campus Center, at 7060 New York 104. The open house will include presentations at 3 and 5 p.m. on the NRC's assessment of the plant's performance in 2014 and the agency's oversight plans for 2015. Among the NRC staff in attendance will be the Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant on a full-time basis.

Under the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process, the agency gauges plant performance through the use of color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators, which are statistical measurements of plant performance that can trigger additional oversight if exceeded.

Overall, the plant operated safely in 2014. As of the end of last year, Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2 had no inspection findings or performance indicators that were greater than "green" (very low safety significance). Therefore, those units are currently under the NRC's normal level of oversight.

"By assessing each plant's performance in a comprehensive manner, we are able to focus our inspection resources on those areas most in need of attention," NRC Region I Administrator Dan Dorman said. "Because Nine Mile Point did not have any safety or security issues rising above very low significance in 2014, we are not currently planning any inspections above and beyond our normal reviews."

The NRC's normal level of oversight at each U.S. nuclear power plant involves thousands of hours of inspection. In 2014, the agency devoted about 6,790 hours of review at Nine Mile Point.

The NRC issues reports on performance at each plant twice a year: during the mid-cycle, or mid-point, of the year, and at the conclusion of the year. [Inspection findings](#) and [performance indicators](#) are also updated quarterly on the agency's [website](#). Following the release of the Annual Assessment letters each March, the NRC meets with the public in the vicinity of each plant to discuss the results.