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NRC Schedules Open House May 14 to Discuss Performance of Byron Nuclear Station

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will hold an open house May 14 to discuss the agency's assessment of the Byron Station's performance during 2014. The plant is located in Byron, Ill., about 17 miles southwest of Rockford, and is operated by Exelon Generation Co., LLC.

The open house is scheduled for 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Byron Station Training Building, Room 107, 4450 N. German Church Road in Byron. The NRC staff will be available for informal one-on-one discussions about the performance of the Byron plant and other topics related to the NRC's regulatory activities.

"These open houses give the public a chance to talk informally with our staff about the plant and other NRC-related issues," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. "It is a great opportunity for people to meet our resident inspectors and other staff; and a great opportunity for us to interact with people who live near the plant."

The NRC concluded that, overall, Byron Units 1 and 2 operated safely.

The NRC determined that both units had green inspection findings and performance indicators and received standard NRC oversight during the entire year.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear plant performance. The colors start with "green" and then increase to "white," "yellow," or "red," commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Performance indicators are statistical measurements of plant and equipment performance.

This year, Byron Unit 1 and 2 will continue to receive the detailed routine inspections conducted at all nuclear power plants. Routine inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill., and the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md.

The NRC's [2014 assessment letter](#) and current performance information for [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is available on the [NRC website](#).