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NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Violation at Clinton Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a regulatory conference with officials of Exelon Generation Co., LLC on Thursday, June 25, to discuss a preliminary finding in the mitigating systems area. The plant is located in Clinton, Ill., 23 miles southeast of Bloomington.

NRC and company officials will discuss the significance of the inspection finding, which involved the failure of a shutdown cooling water pump during a test. The pump is designed to pass a sufficient amount of water to safety equipment. However, plant staff apparently failed to verify the pump would be able to perform its function without being impacted by mud and silt from lake water, which resulted in the failure of the pump. The finding is not a current safety concern because the plant replaced the pump.

The meeting is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. CDT in the NRC's Region III office, located at 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210, in Lisle, Ill. The public is invited to observe the meeting. NRC officials will be available to answer questions related to the topic after the formal part of the meeting.

The NRC evaluates regulatory performance at commercial nuclear power plants with a color-coded system which classifies findings as green, white, yellow or red, in increasing order of safety significance. The NRC's preliminary evaluation determined that the violation at Clinton was "white," which means it has a low to moderate safety significance.

No decisions on the final safety significance or other NRC actions will be made at the conference. Those decisions will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

The NRC [inspection report](#) in which the apparent violation is documented is publicly available.