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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Catawba Nuclear Plant 2015 Performance

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for Wednesday, March 16, to discuss the agency's assessment of the Catawba nuclear plant's two units during 2015.

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

The open house, which will include informational posters, is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Rock Hill City Hall, 155 Johnston St., Rock Hill, S.C.

NRC resident inspectors and other 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.

"We invite the public to visit with us and find out what we're doing to ensure Catawba and other nuclear plants are operated safely," said NRC Region II Administrator Cathy Haney. "These annual meetings offer an opportunity for everyone, and especially people who live near the plant, to learn about our inspection and oversight programs."

An NRC [letter](#) to plant officials addressing 2015 Catawba plant performance will serve as the main focus of the open house, but 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 2015 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. All findings and performance indicators for Catawba were green during the 2015 assessment period.

Current performance information for both Catawba [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#), as well as more detailed information about NRC inspection and oversight, is available at www.nrc.gov. Specific plant performance indicators and inspection reports are updated at least quarterly.