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NRC to Hold Open House on April 6 in Delta, Pa., to Discuss 2015 Performance of Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct a public open house on Wednesday, April 6, in Delta, Pa., to discuss the agency's annual review of safety performance at the Peach Bottom nuclear power plant.

NRC staff will be at the Peach Bottom Inn, located at 6085 Delta Road, Delta, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. to discuss the plant's performance in 2015 and the agency's oversight plans for the remainder of 2016. On hand will be agency employees responsible for inspections of the plant, including the Resident Inspectors based at the Delta (York County), Pa., site on a full-time basis.

The NRC's Reactor Oversight Process is the foundational program that enables the agency to successfully complete its mission of assessing plant safety. Under that program, the NRC 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.

Based on its 2015 reviews, the NRC determined that Peach Bottom, which is the site of two operating reactors owned by Exelon, was operated safely during 2015. As of the end of last year, Peach Bottom Units 2 and 3 had no inspection findings or performance indicators that were greater than "green" (very low safety significance).

The NRC's normal level of oversight at each U.S. nuclear power plant involves thousands of hours of inspection. In 2015, the agency devoted approximately 5,365 hours of review at Peach Bottom.

"Our Annual Assessments allow us to step back at regular intervals and size up plant performance. However, we view oversight of each facility as an ongoing responsibility," NRC Region I Administrator Dan Dorman said. "In the case of Peach Bottom, the plant's current performance qualifies for our normal level of oversight."

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 on a quarterly basis 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. Normal inspections are performed by two Resident Inspectors assigned to Peach Bottom.

Reviews are also carried out at the sites by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa.

Among the areas to be inspected this year at Peach Bottom are radiological controls and safety, emergency planning and the plant's dry cask storage facility for spent nuclear fuel.

The [Annual Assessment letter](#) for Peach Bottom, as well as the [notice](#) for the April 6th open house, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information is also available for Peach Bottom [Unit 2](#) and [Unit 3](#).