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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Agency's 2015 Assessment of Hatch Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for Wednesday, April 13 to discuss the agency's assessment of the Hatch nuclear plant's two units in 2015.

The plant, operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Co., is located near Baxley, Ga., about 20 miles south of Vidalia.

The open house, which will include informational posters, is scheduled from 4 - 6 p.m. in Southeastern Technical College Auditorium, 3001 East 1st St., in Vidalia.

NRC resident inspectors and other staff members will be available to answer questions about the safety performance and regulatory oversight of the Hatch 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 Hatch 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."

The NRC's annual [assessment letter](#) to plant officials addressing the 2015 Hatch 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 Hatch plant for 2015 concluded that it 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 inspection findings and performance indicators for Hatch were green in 2015.

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