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NRC Schedules a Town Hall Meeting June 23 to Discuss Palisades Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a town hall meeting on Thursday, June 23 in South Haven, Mich., to discuss the agency's actions to ensure the safe operation of the Palisades Nuclear Plant and the assessment of the plant's 2015 performance. The facility is operated by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., and is located in Covert, about 5 miles south of South Haven.

The meeting is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. at the Beach Haven Event Center, 10420 M-140, in South Haven. The meeting will start with a poster session from 5-6 p.m., followed by a presentation from the NRC staff and a town hall-style meeting. Phone lines will be available during the presentation and town hall portion for those unable to attend in person. Details are available by calling 630-829-9620.

“This year, our annual assessment meeting is specifically geared to a meaningful dialogue between the agency staff and the public. We will provide information and engage members of the community on a wide range of NRC's actions and plant-specific topics we know have been of interest,” said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. “The poster session will enable members of the community and NRC subject-area experts to engage one-on-one; the NRC's presentation will detail the agency's activities to ensure plant safety; and the town hall meeting is designed for an open and productive conversation between NRC staff and the public.”

The NRC determined that the Palisades facility operated safely in 2015. The plant was under increased NRC oversight for the first three quarters of 2015 due to a [finding of low-to-moderate safety significance](#) for the plant's failure to accurately calculate radiation doses to workers during an activity in 2014. After conducting a [follow-up inspection](#), the NRC concluded that the plant has appropriately resolved the issue. As a result, Palisades began to receive the normal level of NRC oversight during the last quarter of 2015.

Palisades will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during this year. Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant, inspection specialists from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill., and specialists from the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md. Among the areas of performance NRC will inspect this year are radiological safety, spent fuel storage, and the plant's ability to identify and resolve problems.

The [annual assessment letter](#) sent from the NRC Region III office to the company and the most current [performance information](#) are available on the NRC website.