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NRC to Hold Open House on July 26 to Discuss 2015 Performance of James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct an open house on Tuesday, July 26, in Oswego, N.Y., to discuss the agency's annual review of safety performance at the James A. FitzPatrick nuclear power plant.

NRC staff will be at the Town of Scriba Municipal Building, located at 42 Creamery Road in Oswego, from 4:30-6 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 inspectors stationed at the Scriba, N.Y., site on a full-time basis.

The NRC determined that the FitzPatrick nuclear plant, which is owned by Entergy, operated safely during 2015. As of the end of last year, the plant had no inspection findings or performance indicators that were more than very low safety significance and will therefore receive the NRC's normal battery of reviews, barring any changes.

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 4,790 hours of review at FitzPatrick.

"Our annual assessments allow us to step back at regular intervals, size up plant performance and make any appropriate adjustments to our inspection plans. However, we view oversight of each facility as an ongoing responsibility," NRC Region I Administrator Dan Dorman said. "In the case of FitzPatrick, 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 carried out by the two resident inspectors assigned to FitzPatrick. Reviews are also performed at the site by specialist inspectors on a periodic basis.

Among the areas to be inspected this year at FitzPatrick are radiological safety and emergency planning.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for FitzPatrick, as well as the [notice](#) for the July 26 open house, are available on the NRC website. [Current performance information](#) is also available for FitzPatrick.