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NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss Agency's Assessment of D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold an open house on August 22 to discuss the agency's annual review of safety performance at the D.C. Cook nuclear power plant. The two-unit plant is operated by Indiana Michigan Power Company and is located in Bridgman, Mich., about 13 miles south of Benton Harbor.

The public will be able to talk with NRC staff members and ask questions about the plant's 2015 performance and the agency's oversight of the facility. The open house, which will also include informational posters, is scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. EDT at the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, Downstairs Meeting Room, 500 Market St., in St. Joseph.

"NRC inspectors who work at the plant and NRC staff from our regional office in Lisle, Ill., are looking forward to speaking with members of the public about the performance of the D.C. Cook plant and other topics related to nuclear safety that are of interest to the community," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. "We hold such meetings near the plant every year to discuss how we ensure the plant operates safely and foster an open dialogue with the public."

The NRC concluded that, overall D.C. Cook operated safely in 2015. All performance indicators and inspection findings for the plant were "green" or very low safety significance. As a result, the plant will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2016.

The NRC issued three traditional enforcement violations of very low safety significance, one for making a staffing change without prior NRC approval and two for not justifying changes via a written evaluation. The NRC will conduct an inspection to follow-up on these violations.

Normal inspections are typically performed by the two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant. Reviews are also performed at the site by specialists from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill., and from the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md. Among the areas of performance the NRC will inspect this year are activities associated with radiological safety, equipment designs and emergency preparedness.

The NRC's [2015 assessment letter](#) and current performance information for [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) are available on the NRC website.