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NRC to Conduct Public Meeting to Discuss 2016 Performance
of Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will be available to discuss the 2016 safety performance of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station with officials from Entergy Operations, Inc., during a public meeting on March 28. The plant is located in Port Gibson, Miss.

The meeting will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Clairborne County Multi-Purpose Center, 1703 Bridewell Lane, in Port Gibson. On hand to discuss the plant's performance and the NRC's oversight of the facility will be agency employees responsible for inspections of the plant, including the resident inspectors based at the site on a full-time basis.

Overall, Grand Gulf operated safely during 2016. But because the number of unplanned shutdowns exceeded a critical performance threshold, Grand Gulf will receive a supplemental inspection in addition to the normal level of NRC oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

"Our annual assessments of each plant provide a valuable, big-picture view of a plant's safety performance and help guide our reviews going forward," NRC Region IV Administrator Kriss Kennedy said.

Under the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process, the agency 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. Any inspection findings or performance indicators that are greater than green (very low safety significance) trigger increased NRC oversight.

Day-to-day inspections are performed by two resident inspectors assigned to the plant. Reviews are also carried out at the sites by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

The annual assessment letter for Grand Gulf is available on the NRC website. Current performance information is also available on the NRC website.