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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2016 Performance of Harris Nuclear Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff members will be available to discuss the 2016 safety performance of the Harris nuclear power plant, operated by Duke Energy, during an open house planned for May 22 in Holly Springs, N.C.

The Harris plant is located near New Hill, about 20 miles southwest of Raleigh.

The open house is scheduled to run from 4-5 p.m. in the Holly Springs Cultural Center, 300 West Ballantine St. in Holly Springs. Inspectors and managers responsible for NRC oversight of the plant, including the site-based resident inspectors, will be on hand to discuss the plant's regulatory performance and NRC inspections.

Overall, the Harris plant operated safely during 2016 and met NRC requirements. As of the end of 2016, the plant had no inspection findings or performance indicators outside the normal band. As a result, it is currently under the NRC's baseline level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

Under the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process, the agency assesses plant performance through the use of color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators, which are statistical measurements of plant performance. Any inspection findings or performance indicators that are greater than green (very low safety significance) trigger increased NRC oversight.

Routine inspections are performed by resident inspectors assigned to the plant. Reviews are also carried out at the sites by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency's Region II office in Atlanta.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for the Harris plant, as well as the notice for the meeting, are available on the [NRC website](#). Current performance information for the [Harris plant](#) is also available.