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NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2017 Performance of Duane Arnold Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Duane Arnold nuclear power plant, operated by NextEra Energy Duane Arnold LLC during an open house on April 4 in Palo, Iowa.

The open house, which will be held at the Palo Community Center, 2800 Hollenbeck Rd. Palo, Iowa, will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 6:30 p.m. NRC agency employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

Duane Arnold operated safely during 2017. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green, or low safety significance. As a result, Duane Arnold remains under the NRC's normal level of oversight. This oversight entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and indicators to measure plant performance. The colors start at green and increase to white, yellow or red, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Inspection findings or performance indicators with more than very low safety significance trigger increased NRC oversight.

Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the agency's Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

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