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NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss 2017 Performance of Arkansas Nuclear One

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Arkansas Nuclear One power plant, operated by Entergy Operations Inc., during a public meeting on May 31 in Russellville, Ark.

The meeting will be held at the plant's Reeves E. Richie Training Center, 1448 S.R. 333, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. NRC agency employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss the plant's performance. NRC officials will also discuss the agency plan for reducing regulatory oversight at the facility.

Arkansas Nuclear One operated safely during 2017. However, since March 2015, it has been receiving the highest level of NRC oversight for operating plants following two safety findings of substantial significance.

Specifically, in June 2014, the NRC issued yellow findings to Arkansas Nuclear One in connection with a 2013 heavy equipment handling incident at the plant. In January 2015, the NRC issued yellow findings associated with degraded flood protection at the plant.

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 three NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. Arkansas Nuclear One was placed in Column 4 of the NRC action matrix on March 4, 2015.

The annual assessment [letter](#) for Arkansas Nuclear One, as well as the [notice](#) for the meeting are available on the [NRC website](#). Current performance information for [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is also available.