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NRC to Hold Webinar to Discuss 2017 Safety Performance for Salem, Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a webinar for interested members of the public on May 30, to address the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear power plants.

The online meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. Participants will be able to view slides prepared by NRC staff and ask questions in writing via a web page set up to host the session. Advanced <u>online registration</u> is required to participate.

The purpose of the webinar is to provide information on the Hancocks Bridge (Salem County), N.J., plants' safety performance in 2017 and the NRC's oversight activities at the facilities, which are owned and operated by PSEG.

Salem and Hope Creek operated safely during 2017. At the conclusion of 2017, all inspection findings and performance indicators for the plants were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plants will receive the normal level of oversight in 2018. This oversight entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and indicators to describe 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 assigned to Salem and Hope Creek, respectively, and inspection specialists from the agency's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa.

The annual assessment letters for <u>Salem</u> and <u>Hope Creek</u>, as well as the <u>notice</u> for the webinar, are available on the NRC <u>website</u>. Current plant performance information for Salem <u>Unit 1</u> and <u>Unit 2</u> and <u>Hope Creek</u> are also available.