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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant Performance and Construction Inspection of New Units

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for April 25 to provide information and answer questions about the 2018 safety performance of the Vogtle nuclear power plant, as well as the agency's assessment of the two units under construction.

The open house will run from 6-7 p.m. at the Augusta Technical College's Waynesboro campus, 216 Highway 24 South, in Waynesboro, Ga. NRC employees responsible for operating plant and construction inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at both sites, will be available at the open house.

The plant, operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Co., is located near Waynesboro, approximately 26 miles southeast of Augusta.

The NRC concluded that the Vogtle units operated safely during 2018. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green or of low safety significance. Likewise, the NRC found that the two units under construction met all inspection health and safety objectives. As a result, the operating units and the construction units remain under the NRC's normal level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process and the Construction Reactor Oversight Process both use 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 the NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the NRC Region II office in Atlanta.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for the two operating units, which includes upcoming inspection plans for the plant, and the [construction oversight letter](#) are both available on the NRC [website](#). Current performance information for Vogtle [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is also on the website and is updated on a quarterly basis.