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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2019 Safety Performance of Catawba Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of the Catawba nuclear power plant, operated by Duke Energy, during an open house on March 18 in Rock Hill, S.C.

The open house, to be held at the Rock Hill City Hall Rotunda, 155 Johnston St., will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

The NRC determined that the Catawba plant operated safely during 2019 and all inspection findings and performance indicators had very low safety significance or were within the expected range. As a result, the plant remains under the NRC's normal level of oversight, which requires 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 at the Catawba plant are performed by the two NRC resident inspectors and other inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta.

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