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NRC Schedules Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2019 Safety Performance of Catawba, McGuire and Oconee Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of the Catawba, McGuire, and Oconee nuclear power plants during a virtual meeting scheduled for May 18.

The two-unit Catawba and three-unit Oconee plants are located in South Carolina and the two-unit McGuire plant is located in North Carolina. The three plants are operated by Duke Energy.

The meeting will be held from 2-3 p.m., Eastern Time with NRC employees responsible for plant inspections participating. including the resident inspectors based at the site The meeting will be accessible via Skype. For individuals without access to Skype, the telephone conference number is 301-415-0333, passcode is 833894#.

The NRC determined that the Catawba, McGuire, and Oconee power plants operated safely during 2019 and all three plants are currently under the NRC's normal level of oversight.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process, which requires thousands of hours of inspection each year, 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, McGuire, and Oconee plants are performed by NRC resident inspectors and other inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual assessment letters for the <u>Catawba plant</u>, the <u>McGuire plant</u>, and the <u>Oconee plant</u>, which include upcoming inspection plans for the plants, are available on the NRC <u>website</u>. Current performance information for <u>Catawba Unit 1</u>, <u>Catawba Unit 2</u>, <u>McGuire Unit 1</u>, <u>McGuire Unit 2</u>, <u>Oconee Unit 1</u>, <u>Oconee Unit 2</u>, and <u>Oconee Unit 3</u>, is also available on the website and updated on a quarterly basis.