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NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2019 Performance of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of the Salem Units 1 and 2 and Hope Creek nuclear power plants during a virtual meeting scheduled for June 10.

Salem Units 1 and 2, and Hope Creek are located in Lower Alloways Creek Township, N.J., and operated by PSEG Nuclear LLC.

The session will begin at 5:30 p.m. <u>Online registration</u> is required to participate. After registering, a confirmation email will be sent with details for joining the meeting. To hear the presentation, those interested must register to obtain the phone call-in number.

NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight will participate, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site.

Salem and Hope Creek operated safely during 2019. At the conclusion of 2019, 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 2020, which entails 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 are performed by two NRC resident inspectors assigned to Salem and Hope Creek, respectively, and specialist inspectors from the Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa.

The annual assessment letter for the <u>Salem</u> units and <u>Hope Creek</u>, as well as the <u>meeting</u> <u>notice</u>, are available on the NRC <u>website</u>. Current performance information for Salem <u>Unit 1</u>, <u>Unit 2</u> and <u>Hope Creek</u> is also available and updated quarterly.