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NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2019 Performance of Duane Arnold and Point Beach Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of two nuclear power plants operated by NextEra Energy, Inc., during a virtual meeting scheduled for July 30.

Duane Arnold Energy Center is located in Palo, Iowa, and Point Beach 1 and 2 nuclear power plants are located in Two Rivers, Wisc.

The meeting will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Central Time. <u>Online registration</u> prior to the meeting is required to participate. Following registration, a confirmation email will be sent with instructions on joining the meeting. For full participation, attendees will have to tune in both online and through a telephone bridge line.

NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight will participate, including the resident inspectors based at the sites.

Duane Arnold and Point Beach operated safely during 2019. At the conclusion of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators for the plants were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plants in 2020 will receive the normal level of oversight, 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 NRC resident inspectors assigned to each plant and specialist inspectors from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill.

The annual assessment letters for <u>Duane Arnold</u> and <u>Point Beach</u>, as well as the <u>meeting</u> <u>notice</u>, are available on the <u>NRC website</u>. <u>Current performance information</u> for the plants is also available and is updated on a quarterly basis.