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NRC Schedules Webinar to Discuss 2020 Safety Performance at Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania Nuclear Power Plants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public webinar on June 16 to discuss the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at nuclear power plants in Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

The performance of seventeen power reactors will be addressed during the virtual session. They are: Calvert Cliffs 1 and 2, in Lusby, Maryland, operated by Exelon Nuclear; Salem 1 and 2 and Hope Creek, in Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey, operated by PSEG; Nine Mile Point 1 and 2 and FitzPatrick, in Scriba, New York, and Ginna, in Ontario Township, New York, operated by Exelon Nuclear; Beaver Valley 1 & 2, in Shippingport, Pennsylvania, operated by Energy Harbor Nuclear; Susquehanna 1 & 2, in Salem Township, Pennsylvania, operated by Talen Energy; and Limerick 1 & 2, in Limerick, Pennsylvania, and Peach Bottom 2 & 3, in Delta, Pennsylvania, operated by Exelon Nuclear.

The purpose of the webinar is to provide information regarding the plants' safety performance in 2020 and the NRC's oversight activities at the facilities. The online meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., Eastern time. Participants will be able to access the meeting via a <u>Microsoft Teams link</u>, either via the application or any web browser. For those without access to the internet, the teleconference number is 301-576-2978, passcode 659759988#. Attendees will be able to view slides prepared by NRC staff and ask questions either orally or in writing.

All of the plants to be discussed operated safely in 2020. One of the plants, FitzPatrick, was placed in the Regulatory Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process in 2020 due to a "white" inspection finding. Plants in that category are subject to additional NRC scrutiny in the form of an on-site inspection focused on the company's corrective actions. The remaining sites had inspection findings and performance indicators for each unit assessed as "green", or of very low safety significance, at the end of the year. As a result, each of those plants in 2021 will receive the normal level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and indicators to describe 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 of the plants and specialists from the agency's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

The <u>annual assessment letters</u> for the plants, as well as the <u>webinar notice</u>, are available on the NRC website. Current <u>plant performance indicators</u> for all of the units are also available on the website and are updated on a quarterly basis.