NRC Schedules Virtual Meeting to Discuss Safety Performance of North Anna and Surry Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2021 safety performance for the North Anna and Surry nuclear power plants during a virtual public meeting scheduled for April 20.

The two-unit North Anna plant is located in central Virginia, and the two-unit Surry plant is in southeastern Virginia. Dominion Energy operates both sites.

The event is scheduled from 4-5 p.m., Eastern time via Microsoft Teams. It will begin with a short presentation from the NRC staff responsible for oversight of the plant, including the resident inspectors based at the site, followed by a question-and-answer session.

The public preferring to listen to the meeting via telephone can call 301-576-2978, passcode 953106406#. Telephone participants will need to press *6 to unmute their phones to ask the NRC staff questions during that part of the meeting.

The NRC determined that the North Anna and Surry plants operated safely during 2021 and all inspection findings and performance indicators had very low safety significance. As a result, both plants remain under the NRC’s normal level of oversight.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process, which requires thousands of hours of inspections 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.

NRC resident inspectors and other specialist inspectors from the NRC Region II office in Atlanta perform inspections at the North Anna and Surry plants.

The annual assessment letters and the meeting notice are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for the site is available and updated quarterly.