NRC Schedules Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2021 Safety Performance of St. Lucie and Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2021 safety performance for the St. Lucie and Turkey Point nuclear power plants during a virtual public meeting scheduled for May 3.

The two-unit St. Lucie plant is located on Hutchinson Island, approximately eight miles southeast of Ft. Pierce, Florida, and the two-unit Turkey Point plant is located approximately 25 miles south of Miami. Florida Power & Light Co. operates both plants.

The online meeting will begin at 3 p.m. Eastern time on Microsoft Teams, with a short presentation from the NRC staff responsible for inspections at the sites, followed by a question-and-answer session.

The meeting is also accessible via telephone by calling 301-576-2978, passcode 41673483#. 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 concluded that the St. Lucie and Turkey Point nuclear power 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 St. Lucie and Turkey Point plants.

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