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NRC to Conduct Open House to Discuss 2016 Performance of Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will be available to discuss the 2016 safety performance of the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant operated by Indiana Michigan Power Company, during an open house planned for July 27. The two-unit facility is located in Bridgman, Mich., about 13 miles south of Benton Harbor, Mich.

The open house will be held from 3-5 p.m. at Silver Beach Center, 333 Broad St., in St. Joseph, Mich. Agency employees responsible for inspections of the plant, including the resident inspectors based at the site on a full-time basis, will be available to discuss the plant's performance.

"This year we are holding our open house at a popular location. We see it as a great opportunity to engage with the local residents who live near the plant," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. "The resident inspectors stationed at the plant and other members of the NRC staff are looking forward to meeting with community members."

The DC Cook plant, Units 1 and 2, operated safely during 2016. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, it is currently under the NRC's normal level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The NRC's Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to measure plant performance. Any inspection findings or performance indicators that have more than very low safety significance trigger increased NRC oversight.

Day-to-day inspections are performed by two resident inspectors assigned to the plant. Reviews are also carried out at the sites by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency's Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for DC Cook, as well as the [notice of public meeting](#) are available on the [NRC website](#). Current performance information for [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is also available.