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NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2017 Performance of Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Turkey Point nuclear power plant, operated by Florida Power & Light Co., during an open house on May 1 at the Cutler Bay Town Center, 10720 Caribbean Blvd., in Cutler Bay, Fla. The two-unit Turkey Point plant is located near Homestead, Fla., about 20 miles south of Miami.

The open house will run from 6-8 p.m., and NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

The NRC concluded that the Turkey Point plant operated safely during 2017. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green or of low safety significance. As a result, both units remain under the NRC's 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, vellow 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 two NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the NRC Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual assessment letter for the Turkey Point plant, as well as the notice for the open house, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for Unit 3 and Unit 4 is also available.

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