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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will be available to discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Fermi nuclear power plant, operated by DTE Energy Company, during an open house on May 30 in Monroe, Mich.

The open house, to be held at the Monroe County Courthouse, the Board of Commissioners Chambers, 125 E. Second St., will run from 6-8 p.m. EDT. NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

Overall, Fermi operated safely during 2017. The plant started receiving increased NRC oversight in the first quarter of 2017 due to a [white finding](#) of low to moderate safety significance involving a failure to maintain the effectiveness of the site's emergency plan. After conducting an independent [follow-up inspection](#), the NRC determined that the plant has taken sufficient corrective actions to understand what caused the problem and prevent recurrence. As a result, Fermi started receiving the normal level of NRC oversight as of Jan. 1, 2018.

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, 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.

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 Fermi, as well as the [notice](#) for the meeting, are available on the [NRC website](#). Current performance information is also [available](#).