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NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Performance of Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Davis-Besse nuclear power station, operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, at a public meeting on June 26 in Port Clinton, Ohio.

The meeting, to be held at the Camp Perry Conference Center, Building 600, 1000 Lawrence Road, will start at 5:30 p.m. EDT, and will include a presentation by the NRC staff focusing on Davis-Besse's performance and the NRC's continued independent verification of the plant's activities to maintain the safety of the plant and the public. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

Overall, Davis-Besse operated safely during 2017. The plant started receiving increased NRC oversight in the fourth quarter of 2017 due to a [white finding](#) of low to moderate safety significance involving a failure to provide appropriate instructions to maintain a safety-related pump in operable condition. As a result, the pump was out of service longer than allowed by NRC requirements. The NRC will conduct an independent follow-up inspection to determine if the plant has taken sufficient corrective actions to understand what caused the problem and prevent recurrence.

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