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

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Monticello nuclear power plant, operated by Northern States Power Company-Minnesota, during an open house on July 10 in Monticello, Minn.

The open house, to be held at the Monticello Community Center, South Bridge Room, 505 Walnut St. in Monticello, will run from 4-6 p.m. NRC agency employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

Monticello operated safely during 2017. All performance indicators were green or of very low safety significance. However, the plant did have one white finding, of low to moderate safety significance, in the third quarter of 2016. As a result, the NRC increased oversight in addition to the normal levels, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year. The NRC completed a supplemental inspection and returned the plant to normal oversight in the third quarter of 2017.

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.

Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the agency's Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for Monticello, as well as the [notice](#) for the open house, are available on the [NRC website](#). Current performance information is also available for [Monticello](#).