NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2018 Performance of Point Beach Nuclear Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2018 safety performance of the Point Beach nuclear power plant during an open house on April 3 in Two Rivers, Wis.

The open house, to be held at the Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams St., will run from 6-7 p.m. CDT. NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

The two-unit Point Beach plant, operated by NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC, is located about 13 miles northwest of Manitowoc, Wis.

Point Beach operated safely during 2018. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plant remains 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, 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 NRC Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

The annual assessment letter, as well as the meeting notice, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for Point Beach Unit 1 and Unit 2 is also available.