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NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2018 Performance of Duane Arnold Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2018 safety performance of the Duane Arnold nuclear power plant, operated by NextEra Energy Duane Arnold LLC, during an open house on April 4 in Palo, Iowa.

The open house, to be held at the Palo Community Center, 2800 Hollenbeck Rd., in Palo, will run from 5-6:30 p.m. NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss the plant's performance.

Duane Arnold operated safely during 2018. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were of very low safety significance. As a result, it 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 Region III office located in Lisle, Ill.

The annual assessment letter for <u>Duane Arnold</u> as well as the notice for the <u>open house</u>, are available on the <u>NRC</u> website. Current performance information is also available.