NRC to Hold Webinar to Discuss Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plants 2018 Safety Performance

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public webinar on April 10 to address the agency’s annual assessment of safety performance at the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear power plants.

The online meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. Participants will be able to view slides prepared by NRC staff and ask questions in writing via a web page set up to host the session. Advanced online registration is required to participate.

The purpose of the webinar is to provide information on the Hancocks Bridge (Salem County), N.J., plants’ safety performance in 2018 and the NRC’s oversight activities at the facilities, which are operated by PSEG Nuclear.

Salem and Hope Creek operated safely during 2018. At the conclusion of 2018, all inspection findings and performance indicators for the plants were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plants will receive the normal level of oversight in 2019, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and indicators to describe 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 assigned to Salem and Hope Creek, respectively, and specialists from the agency’s Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa.

The annual assessment letters for Salem and Hope Creek, as well as the webinar notice, are available on the NRC website. Current plant performance information for Salem Unit 1 and Unit 2 and Hope Creek is also available on the website.