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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Performance of Catawba Nuclear Power Station

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for March 27 to provide information and answer questions about the safety performance of the Catawba nuclear power plant, including the recent annual assessment letter covering all of 2018.

The open house will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Rock Hill City Hall, 155 West Johnston Street, Rock Hill, S.C. NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available at the open house.

The two-unit Catawba plant, operated by Duke Energy, is located about 18 miles south of Charlotte.

The NRC concluded that the Catawba plant operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety during 2018. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green or of low safety significance. As a result, the two Catawba units remain 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 the NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the NRC Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual assessment letter, as well as the meeting notice, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for Catawba Unit 1 and Unit 2 is also on the website and is updated on a quarterly basis.