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NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2018 Performance of Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2018 safety performance of the Monticello Nuclear Generation Plant during an open house on June 19 in Monticello, Minn.

The open house, to be held at the Monticello Community Center, South Bridge Room, 505 Walnut St., will run from 5-7 p.m. NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

The facility, operated by Northern States Power Company, Minnesota, is located in Monticello, approximately 30 miles northwest of Minneapolis.

Monticello 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, 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 NRC Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

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