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## **NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Prairie Island Power Plant Performance**

**NAPERVILLE, Ill.**— Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct an [open house](#) May 18, in Red Wing, Minnesota, to give local residents a clear look at the how the Prairie Island power plant performed in 2025 and answer questions from the community. The event offers an opportunity for the public to speak one-on-one with NRC inspectors who evaluate the plant throughout the year.

The NRC's annual assessment found that the plant operated safely in 2025. All inspection findings and performance indicators were of very low safety significance, so both units remain under the agency's normal level of oversight, which includes thousands of hours of inspections each year.

The plant, operated by Northern States Power Company, Minnesota, has two units located in Welch, Minnesota. The open house will be held at 3 p.m. Central time at the Goodhue County Center, 509 W. 5th St. in Red Wing.

The NRC [Reactor Oversight Process](#) uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to measure plant performance.

The annual assessment [letter](#) for the Prairie Island plant, Unit 1 and 2, including upcoming inspection plans, is available on the NRC website. Current [performance information](#) is also available and updated quarterly.

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