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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Braidwood Power Plant Performance

NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will host an open house May 20 in Braidwood, Illinois, to give local residents a clear look at how the Braidwood nuclear power plant performed in 2025.

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 Constellation Energy, has two units and is located in Braceville, Illinois. NRC resident inspectors, who work full-time at the plant, along with other agency staff, will be available during the open house to explain the findings and answer questions. The open house begins at 5 p.m. Central time at Braidwood City Hall, 141 W. Main St. in Braidwood.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to measure plant performance.

The annual assessment letter for the Braidwood plant, including upcoming inspection plans, is available on the NRC website. Current performance information is also available and updated quarterly.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.