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NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Performance

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a hybrid [public meeting](#) May 25 to discuss the 2022 safety performance of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The facility, located in Monticello, Minnesota, is operated by Northern States Power Company-Minnesota.

The meeting will include an open house 4:30-5 p.m. Central time followed by a formal meeting 5-6 p.m. at the Monticello Community Center, 505 Walnut Street South Bridge, in Monticello. The public can access the meeting via [Microsoft Teams](#) or by phone. The telephone conference number is 301-576-2978, passcode 982 082 815#. NRC staff responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site and region-based health physics inspectors responsible for environmental monitoring, will be available to answer questions at the open house and following the NRC's presentation.

The NRC determined Monticello operated safely in 2022, and all inspection findings and performance indicators were of very low safety significance. As a result, the plant 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 assess plant performance. The colors start at green and increase to white, yellow or red, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. If an inspection finding or performance indicator has more than very low safety significance, the NRC increases its oversight.

Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors assigned to each plant and specialist inspectors from the Region III Office in Lisle, Illinois.

The annual assessment [letter](#) for Monticello is available on the NRC website. Current [performance information](#) for the site is available on the NRC website and updated quarterly.