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NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2017 Performance of Perry Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Perry nuclear power plant, operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co., during an open house on Apr. 5, in Perry, Ohio.

The open house, to be held at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main Street, will run 5 – 7 p.m. Eastern time. NRC agency employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance and NRC oversight.

Overall, Perry operated safely during 2017. All inspection findings and performance indicators were green or of low safety significance, with the exception of a [white finding](#) of low to moderate safety significance. The finding, which involved the plant's failure to evaluate the effects of a modification to electrical circuitry of diesel generators, resulted in increased NRC oversight as of the second quarter of the 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.

The NRC conducted an independent inspection in February to determine if the company has fully understood the causes for the white finding and has taken sufficient action to prevent recurrence. The inspection report documenting the NRC's conclusions will be issued shortly.

Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

The annual assessment letter for [Perry](#), as well as the notice for the [open house](#), are available on the NRC website. Current performance information is also [available](#).