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

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the North Anna nuclear power plant, operated by Dominion Energy, during an open house on May 17 in the Louisa Public Library, 881 Davis Highway in Mineral, Va. The two-unit North Anna plant is located near Mineral, about 40 miles northwest of Richmond.

The open house will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and NRC employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

The NRC concluded that the North Anna plant operated safely during 2017. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators on Units 1 and 2 were green or of low safety significance. As a result, both units are 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 II office in Atlanta.

The <u>annual assessment letter</u> for the North Anna plant, as well as the <u>notice</u> for the open house, are available on the <u>NRC website</u>. Current performance information for <u>Unit 1</u> and <u>Unit 2</u> is also available.