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

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2017 safety performance of the Prairie Island nuclear power plant, operated by Northern States Power Company-Minnesota, during an open house on July 12 in Red Wing, Minn.

The open house, to be held at the Red Wing Public Library, Community Room, 225 East Ave. in Red Wing, will run from 4-6 p.m. NRC agency employees responsible for plant inspections, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will be available to discuss its performance.

Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 operated safely during 2017. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green or of very low safety significance. As a result, Prairie Island remains under the NRC's normal level of oversight. This oversight 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 agency's Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for Prairie Island, as well as the [notice](#) for the open house, are available on the [NRC website](#). Current performance information is also available for Prairie Island [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#).