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NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2019 Performance of Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of two nuclear power plants in Minnesota during a virtual meeting scheduled for July 16.

The Monticello nuclear power plant is in Monticello, Minn., and the Prairie Island 1 and 2 nuclear power plant is in Welch, Minn. All the units are operated by Northern States Power Company.

The session will begin at 4 p.m. Central Time. [Online registration](#) is required to participate. Following registration, a confirmation email will be sent with details on how to join the meeting. To hear the presentation, those interested must register to obtain the phone call-in number.

NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight will participate, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the sites.

Monticello and Prairie Island operated safely during 2019. At the conclusion of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators for both plants were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plants in 2020 will receive the 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 assigned to each plant and specialist inspectors from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill.

The annual assessment letters for [Monticello](#) and [Prairie Island](#), as well as the [meeting notice](#), are available on the [NRC website](#). [Current performance](#) information for the plants is also available and is updated on a quarterly basis.