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## NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2020 Performance of Braidwood and Byron Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2020 safety performance of the Braidwood and Byron nuclear power plants during a virtual meeting to be held June 8. The Braidwood and Byron stations are located in Illinois and operated by Exelon Generation Co., LLC.

The session will begin at 5 p.m., Central time. The public call in number is 888-603-9743, passcode 7300217#, to hear the presentation and to be able to participate during the open portion of the meeting. The visual portion of the meeting will be held online; please review the meeting notice for instructions on meeting participation.

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

The Braidwood and Byron nuclear power plants operated safely in 2020. At the end of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were of very low safety significance, or green. As a result, both plants remain 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 at Braidwood and Byron are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and specialist inspectors from the Region III Office in Lisle, Illinois

Annual assessment letters for <u>Braidwood</u> and <u>Byron</u> are available on the <u>NRC website</u>. Current performance information for <u>Braidwood Unit 1</u>, <u>Braidwood Unit 2</u>, <u>Byron Unit 1</u> and <u>Byron Unit 2</u> is also available and is updated quarterly.