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NRC to Hold Virtual Public Meeting to Discuss Farley and Hatch Nuclear Power Plant Safety Performance

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2021 safety performance of two nuclear power plants, the Joseph M. Farley and Edwin I. Hatch facilities, during a virtual <u>public meeting</u> scheduled for April 5.

The two-unit Farley plant is located in southern Alabama and the two-unit Hatch plant is located in southeastern Georgia. Both nuclear power plants are operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Co.

The online session will begin at 4 p.m., Eastern time, via a Microsoft Teams communication platform. It will begin with a short presentation from the NRC employees responsible for inspecting the two plants, including the resident inspectors based at the sites, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Members of the public without access to the web can listen to the meeting via telephone by calling (301) 576-2978, passcode 243350004#. Telephone participants will need to press *6 to unmute their phones to ask the NRC staff questions during that part of the meeting.

The NRC determined that the Farley and Hatch plants operated safely during 2021 and all inspection findings and performance indicators had very low safety significance. As a result, both plants remain under the NRC's normal level of oversight.

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 the Farley and Hatch plants are performed by NRC resident inspectors and other inspection specialists from the NRC Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual assessment letters for the <u>Farley plant</u> and the <u>Hatch plant</u>, including upcoming inspection plans, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for the sites is available and updated quarterly.