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NRC SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF McGUIRE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for May 1 to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2012 for the McGuire nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by Duke Energy, is near Huntersville, N.C., about 17 miles north of Charlotte.

The open house is scheduled to run from 6-7:30 p.m. in the McGuire Energy Explorium, 13339 Hagers Ferry Road in Huntersville. There will be posters explaining the NRC's role and the NRC staff will be available to answer questions about the safety performance of the McGuire plant as well as overall NRC oversight and inspection.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that both units at the McGuire plant operated safely in 2012. There were no inspection findings or performance indicators that would cause the NRC to increase its level of oversight and inspection, so NRC inspectors will continue the detailed normal inspections at the plant this year.

In addition to those inspections, the NRC staff also plans to conduct an inspection related to underground piping and conduct operator licensing examinations this year.

Inspections are carried out by the NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by specialized inspectors from the Region II office in Atlanta.

"The NRC inspects nuclear plants and monitors their performance on an ongoing basis," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "We issue inspection reports throughout the year and we hold these annual meetings near each plant to discuss our oversight and answer any questions local residents may have."

Inspection findings and performance indicators for McGuire and other nuclear plants are updated on the NRC's [website](http://www.nrc.gov) each quarter. The annual assessment [letter](#) for McGuire Units 1 and 2 is available on the NRC website. Current performance information for McGuire [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is also available on the NRC website and that information is updated quarterly.

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