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NRC Will Hold an Open House on River Bend Nuclear Plant Performance

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold an open house Aug. 27 to discuss the agency's assessment of the River Bend nuclear power plant's 2012 safety performance. The plant is located in St. Francisville, La.

During the open house, which is scheduled for 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room of the St. Francisville Town Hall, 11936 Ferdinand St., in St. Francisville, attendees will have an opportunity to hold one-on-one discussions with NRC staff members about the plant's 2012 performance and the agency's oversight of the facility. NRC staff on hand will include the inspectors assigned to the plant on a full-time basis, and staff from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

The [assessment letter](#) sent from the NRC to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2012 and will serve as the basis for the discussion.

Overall, the River Bend plant operated safely during 2012. At the conclusion of last year, all performance indicators and inspection findings for the facility were green, or of very low risk. As a result, River Bend will receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2013.

"The NRC continually reviews the performance of River Bend and the nation's other commercial nuclear power plants," NRC Region IV Administrator Arthur T. Howell said. "This meeting will provide an opportunity for a discussion of our annual assessment of safety performance with the company and with local officials and residents who live near the plant."

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear plant performance. The colors start with green and then increase to white, yellow, or red, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Performance indicators are statistical measurements of plant and equipment performance.

Inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by specialist inspectors from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, and the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md.

The most current [assessment](#) for River Bend is available on the NRC [website](#).