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NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2020 Performance of Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2020 safety performance of two nuclear power plants in Minnesota during a virtual meeting scheduled for June 9.

The Monticello and Prairie Island units 1 and 2 are located in Minnesota and operated by Northern States Power Company-Minnesota

The session will begin at 5 p.m. Central time. The public call in number is 1-888-603-9743, 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 in the discussion, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the sites.

The Monticello and Prairie Island nuclear power plants operated safely during 2020. At the conclusion of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators for the plants were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plants in 2021 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, Illinois.

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