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NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2020 Performance of Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2020 safety performance of the Grand Gulf nuclear power plant during a virtual meeting to be held March 31.

The session will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Central Time. Online registration is required to participate. Following [registration](#), a confirmation email will be sent with details regarding how to join the video webinar. To listen to the audio presentation, those interested must call 888-790-3252 and enter passcode 5338120#. The meeting will be recorded and later available on the NRC website.

NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight will participate in the discussion, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the plant. NRC staff will make a brief presentation regarding Grand Gulf's performance and the agency's oversight process, followed by a question and answer period. Officials from Entergy Operations, Inc., which operates the plant, will discuss their performance improvement plan.

Grand Gulf, located in Port Gibson, Miss., operated safely during 2020. The NRC determined that the performance at Grand Gulf during the recent quarter was within the Degraded Performance Column, the third highest performance column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix. Because of the number of unplanned plant shutdowns, the plant will receive increased oversight and inspection focus during 2021.

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 at least two NRC resident inspectors assigned to each plant and specialist inspectors from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

The annual assessment [letter](#) for Grand Gulf, as well as the [meeting notice](#), are available on the NRC website. Current performance [information](#) for the plant is also available and is updated on a quarterly basis.