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NRC to Conduct Open House to Discuss 2022 Performance of Dresden Nuclear Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2022 safety performance of the Dresden nuclear power plant during an in person open house scheduled for June 15. The two-unit plant, operated by Constellation Energy Generation, is located in Morris, Illinois, approximately 25 miles southwest of Joliet.

The open house will be held from 5-6 p.m. Central time at the Canalport Community Center, 100 Nettle Street in Morris. NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site, will participate in the discussion.

The NRC determined that Dresden operated safely during 2022. All inspection findings and performance indicators were "green," or of very low safety significance. As a result, Dresden remains under the NRC's baseline 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.

Plant inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and specialist inspectors from the agency's Region III office in Lisle, Illinois.

The annual assessment letter for Dresden is available on the NRC website. Current performance information for Unit 2 and Unit 3 is also available on the NRC website and updated quarterly.