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## NRC Schedules Open House May 28 to Discuss Performance of Perry Nuclear Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will hold an open house May 28 to discuss the agency's assessment of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant's performance during 2014. The plant is located in Perry, Ohio, about 35 miles northeast of Cleveland, and is operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company.

The open house is scheduled for 5 to 6:30 p.m. EDT at the Perry Senior Center, 2800 Perry Park Road, in Perry. The NRC staff will be available for informal one-on-one discussions about the performance of the Perry plant and other topics related to the NRC's regulatory activities.

"These open houses give the public a chance to talk informally with our staff about the plant and other NRC-related issues," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. "It is a great opportunity for people to meet our resident inspectors and other staff; and a great opportunity for us to interact with people who live near the plant."

The NRC concluded that Perry operated safely, with green inspection findings and performance indicators during the entire year. As a result, Perry received standard NRC oversight.

This year, Perry will continue to receive the detailed routine inspections conducted at all nuclear power plants. Routine inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill., and the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md.

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.

The NRC's <u>2014 assessment letter</u> and current <u>performance information</u> for Perry are available on the <u>NRC website</u>.

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