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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Agency's 2015 Assessment of Surry Nuclear Station

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled an open house for Tuesday, April 12 to provide information on the agency's assessment of the Surry nuclear plant's two units during 2015.

The plant, which is operated by Dominion, is located near Surry, Va., 17 miles northwest of Newport News.

The open house, which will include informational posters, is scheduled from 5 - 6 p.m. in the lobby of the General District Courtroom, Surry Government Center, 45 School St. in Surry.

NRC resident inspectors and other staff members will be available to answer questions about the safety performance and regulatory oversight of the Surry plant, as well as highlights of NRC inspections.

"We invite the public to visit with us and find out what we're doing to ensure Surry and other nuclear plants are operated safely," said NRC Region II Administrator Cathy Haney. "These annual meetings offer an opportunity for everyone, and especially people who live near the plant, to learn about our inspection and oversight programs."

The NRC's annual <u>assessment letter</u> to plant officials addressing the 2015 Surry plant performance will serve as the main focus of the open house, but NRC staff members will be available to answer other questions about the NRC's role at the plant.

The NRC review of the Surry plant for 2015 concluded that it operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and protected the environment. Because of that performance, it will continue to receive the detailed routine or baseline inspections this year all nuclear power plants receive.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess plant performance. The colors start with green, which has very low safety significance, and then progress to white, yellow or red, based on the significance of the issues. All inspection findings and performance indicators for Surry were green in 2015.

Current performance information for both Surry <u>Unit 1</u> and <u>Unit 2</u>, as well as more detailed information about NRC inspection and oversight, is available on the NRC website.