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NRC to Discuss Performance Assessment for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with members of the public in San Luis Obispo, Calif., on June 22, to discuss the agency's performance assessment for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The plant, located near San Luis Obispo, is operated by Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

The meeting will be held from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road, in San Luis Obispo. NRC staff will make a brief presentation on the plant's 2015 safety assessment and will be available to answer questions on Diablo Canyon related topics.

"The meeting provides us with the opportunity to present the results of our annual safety assessment of Diablo Canyon and answer questions members of the public may have about NRC's regulatory role," said Region IV Administrator Marc Dapas.

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 action matrix reflects overall plant performance and agency response. There are five columns in the action matrix with Column 1 requiring a rigorous baseline level of inspections.

Diablo Canyon is in Column 1 and will receive the normal level of regulatory oversight for the rest of 2016. Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and inspection specialists from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

A [letter](#) sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2015. Current performance information for the plant can be found on the NRC [website](#).