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NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2019 Performance of Palisades Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of the Palisades nuclear power plant in Michigan during a virtual meeting scheduled for Aug. 13.

The Palisades plant is in Covert, Mich., operated by Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc.

The session will run from 5:30-7 p.m., Eastern Time. Online registration is required to participate. Following registration, a confirmation email will be sent with details on how to join the meeting. To hear the presentation, those interested must register to obtain the phone call-in number.

NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight will participate, including the resident inspectors based full-time at the site.

Palisades operated safely during 2019. At the conclusion of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plant in 2020 will receive the normal 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.

Inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and specialist inspectors from the Region III Office in Lisle, Ill.

The annual assessment letter for <u>Palisades</u>, as well as the <u>meeting notice</u>, are available on the <u>NRC website</u>. Current <u>performance information</u> is available and updated on a quarterly basis.