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NRC to Hold Hybrid Public Meeting to Discuss 2023 Performance of Monticello Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2023 safety performance of the Monticello nuclear power plant during a hybrid public meeting May 7. The plant, in Monticello, Minnesota, is operated by Northern State Power Company-Minnesota.

The meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m. Central time at the Monticello Community Center, 505 Walnut St., in Monticello, and on [Microsoft Teams](#). There will be an open house from 4:30-5 p.m. and another after the formal meeting from 6-6:30 p.m. Members of the public can attend in person, virtually or by phone. Information on how to participate can be found in the [meeting notice](#).

The NRC will present its assessment of the plant's 2023 performance. Staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight, including the resident inspectors based at the site, will be available for a question-and-answer session.

The NRC determined that Monticello operated safely during 2023. All inspection findings and performance indicators were green or very low safety significance. As a result, the plant 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, based on the safety significance of the issues involved. Inspection findings or performance indicators with more than a very low safety significance trigger an increase of NRC oversight.

Plant inspections are performed by two NRC resident inspectors and inspection specialists from the agency's Region III Office in Lisle, Ill.

The [annual assessment letter](#) for Monticello is available on the [NRC website](#). Current [performance information](#) is also available on the NRC website and updated on a quarterly basis.