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NRC Schedules Open House May 22 to Discuss Performance of Dresden Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public open house on May 22 to discuss the agency's annual assessment of safety performance for the Dresden nuclear power plant. The two-unit plant is operated by Exelon Generation Co., and is located in Morris, Ill., approximately 25 miles southwest of Joliet.

The open house is scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. at the Grundy County Administration Building, Grundy County Board Room, 1320 Union St., in Morris. Attendees will have an opportunity to hold one-on-one discussions with NRC staff members about the plant's 2012 performance and the agency's oversight of the facility.

"When the NRC evaluates Dresden's performance for the previous year, we take a look at any and all issues that might be of concern," said Region III Administrator Charles Casto. "Then we map out our inspection plans for that specific facility, issue inspection reports, and hold public meetings near the plant in order to discuss our oversight and answer questions from local residents."

The NRC review concluded that the Dresden facility operated safely in 2012. All performance indicators and inspection findings for the facility were green or of very low risk and would not cause the NRC to increase its oversight. As a result, Dresden will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2013.

Inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant, inspection specialists from the Region III office in Lisle, Ill., and specialists from the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md. Among the areas of performance to be inspected this year by NRC inspectors are activities associated with radiological safety, equipment designs, and emergency preparedness.

The [annual assessment letter](#) sent from the NRC Region III office to Exelon addresses the performance of the plant during 2012 and is available on the NRC website.

The most current performance information for Dresden [Unit 2](#) and [Unit 3](#) is available on the NRC website.