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NRC to Conduct Open House on June 24 in New Strawn, Kan., to Discuss 2014 Safety Performance of Wolf Creek

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public open house on June 24, in New Strawn, Kan., to discuss the agency's annual review of safety performance at the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant. The plant is located near Burlington, Kan., and operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation.

NRC staff will be on hand from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Strawn Community Center at 319 West Getz in New Strawn. The open house will provide an opportunity for the public to ask about NRC's assessment of the plant's performance in 2014 and the agency's oversight plans for 2015. Among the NRC staff in attendance will be the Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant on a full-time basis.

Under the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process, the agency gauges plant performance through the use of color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators, which are statistical measurements of plant performance that can trigger additional oversight if exceeded. Overall, the plant operated safely in 2014 and the plant is currently under the NRC's normal level of oversight.

"By assessing each plant's performance in a comprehensive manner, we are able to focus our inspection resources on those areas most in need of attention," NRC Region IV Administrator Marc Dapas said. "Because Wolf Creek did not have any safety or security issues rising above very low significance in 2014, we are not currently planning any inspections above and beyond our normal reviews."

The NRC's normal level of oversight at each U.S. nuclear power plant involves thousands of hours of inspection. In 2014, the agency devoted about 6,118 hours of inspection and review at Wolf Creek.

A [letter](#) sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2014.