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NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Agency's 2015 Assessment of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled an open house for Tuesday, April 19, to discuss the agency's assessment of the Browns Ferry nuclear plant's three units during 2015.

The plant, which is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority, is located near Athens, Ala., about 32 miles west of Huntsville.

The open house, which will include informational posters, is scheduled from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Aerospace Training Center Lecture Hall at John C. Calhoun State Community College, 6250 US-31 in Tanner, Ala.

NRC resident inspectors and other staff members will be available to answer questions on the safety performance and regulatory oversight of the Browns Ferry plant, as well as highlights of NRC inspections.

"We invite the public to visit with us and find out what we're doing to ensure Browns Ferry and other nuclear plants are operated safely," said NRC Region II Administrator Cathy Haney. "These annual meetings offer an opportunity for everyone, and especially people who live near the plant, to learn about our inspection and oversight programs."

The NRC's annual [assessment letter](#) to plant officials addressing the 2015 Browns Ferry plant performance will serve as the main focus of the open house, but NRC staff members will be available to answer other questions about the NRC's role at the plant.

The NRC review concluded that all three Browns Ferry units operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and protected the environment. Because of that performance, the plant will continue to receive the detailed routine or baseline inspections this year that all nuclear power plants receive.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess plant performance. The colors start with green, which has very low safety significance, and then progress to white, yellow or red, based on the significance of the issues. All inspection findings and performance indicators for Browns Ferry were green in 2015. Current performance information for Browns Ferry [Unit 1](#), [Unit 2](#), and [Unit 3](#) and more details about NRC inspection and oversight are available on the [NRC website](#). Plant performance indicators and inspection reports are updated at least quarterly.