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NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss Agency's Assessment of Fermi Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold an open house on June 2 to discuss the agency's annual review of safety performance at the Fermi nuclear power plant. The single-unit plant is operated by DTE Electric, and is located in Newport, Mich., about 25 miles northeast of Toledo, Ohio.

The public will be able to talk with NRC staff members and ask questions about the plant's 2015 performance and the agency's oversight of the facility. The open house, which will also include informational posters, is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. EDT at the Monroe County Board of Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 125 E. Second St., in Monroe.

"NRC inspectors who work at the plant and NRC staff from our regional office in Lisle, Ill., are looking forward to speaking with members of the public about Fermi's performance and other topics related to nuclear safety that are of interest to the community," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. "We hold such meetings near the plant every year to discuss how we ensure the plant operates safely and foster an open dialogue with the public."

The NRC concluded that, overall, Fermi operated safely in 2015. All performance indicators and inspection findings for the plant were "green." As a result, the plant will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2016.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear plant performance. The colors start with "green" and then increase to "white," "yellow," or "red," commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Performance indicators are statistical measurements of plant and equipment performance.

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

The NRC's [2015 assessment letter](#) and current performance information for [Unit 2](#) is available on the NRC website.