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NRC to Hold Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2019 Performance of 12 Region IV Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of 12 nuclear power plants in the western U.S. during a virtual meeting to be held June 30.

The session will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. CT. [Online registration](#) is required to participate. Following registration, a confirmation email will be sent with details on how to join the video webinar. To hear the audio presentation, those interested must call 888-994-3819 and enter passcode 5144346#. The meeting will be recorded and available on the NRC [website](#).

NRC staff responsible for plant inspection and oversight will participate, including the resident inspectors based full-time at each of the sites. NRC staff will make a brief presentation regarding the agency's oversight process and then answer questions about any of the 12 plants in Region IV.

Arkansas Nuclear One, in Russellville, Ark., Callaway, near Fulton, Mo., Comanche Peak in Glen Rose, Texas, Cooper Nuclear Station in Brownville, Neb., Columbia Generating Station, near Richland, Wash., Diablo Canyon in San Luis Obispo, Calif., Grand Gulf, in Port Gibson, Miss., Palo Verde, in Wintersburg, Ariz., River Bend, in St. Francisville, La., South Texas Project, in Bay City, Texas, Waterford, in Killona, La., and Wolf Creek, near Burlington, Kan., all operated safely during 2019. At the conclusion of the year, all inspection findings and performance indicators for the plants were green, or of very low safety significance. As a result, the plants in 2020 will receive the normal 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, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Inspection findings or performance indicators with more than very low safety significance trigger increased NRC oversight.

Inspections are performed by at least two NRC resident inspectors assigned to each plant and specialist inspectors from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

The annual assessment [letters](#) for each Region IV plant, as well as the [meeting notice](#), are available on the [NRC website](#). [Current performance information](#) for the plants is also available and is updated on a quarterly basis.