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NRC ISSUES ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR NATION'S NUCLEAR PLANTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued annual assessment letters to the nation's 103 operating commercial nuclear power plants. All the plants continue to operate safely.

"NRC's assessments of nuclear power plant performance are central to the agency's mission of protecting people and the environment," said Elmo E. Collins, director of the Division of Inspection and Regional Support in the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. "These annual assessments report the results of NRC's reviews and give the public an overview of how each plant has performed."

Later this spring, the NRC will meet publicly with the operators of every plant in nearby locations to discuss plant performance. A separate announcement will be issued for each plant meeting. In addition to the annual assessment letters, plants also receive an NRC inspection plan for the coming year. Updated information on plant performance is posted to the NRC Web site every quarter. The plants also receive a mid-cycle assessment letter during the year; the next mid-cycle letters will be issued in September.

The assessment letters sent to each licensee are available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/index.html> and through ADAMS, the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System. Help in using ADAMS is available from the NRC Public Document Room by calling (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4209.

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