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NRC SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE APRIL 18 TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF LASALLE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public open house on April 18 to discuss the agency's annual assessment of safety performance for the LaSalle nuclear power plant. The two-unit plant is operated by Exelon Generation Co., and is located in Marseilles, Ill., approximately 55 miles southwest of Naperville.

During the open house, which is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. CDT at the Brookfield Township Hall, 2099 E. 27th Rd. in Seneca, attendees will have an opportunity to hold one-on-one discussions with NRC staff members about the plant's 2012 performance and the agency's oversight of the facility. NRC staff on hand will include the inspectors assigned to the plant on a full-time basis and staff from the Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

"When the NRC evaluates LaSalle's performance for the previous year, we take a look at any and all issues that might be of concern," said Region III Administrator Charles Casto. "Then we map out our inspection plans for that specific facility, issue inspection reports, and hold public meetings near the plant in order to discuss our oversight and answer questions from local residents."

The [annual assessment letter](#) sent from the NRC Region III office to Exelon addresses the performance of the plant during 2012 and will serve as the basis for the discussion.

Overall, the LaSalle facility operated safely in 2012. At the conclusion of last year, all performance indicators and inspection findings for the facility were green or of very low risk. As a result, LaSalle will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2013.

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 in Lisle, Ill., and specialists from the agency's headquarters in Rockville, Md. Among the areas of performance to be inspected this year by NRC inspectors are activities associated with radiological safety, equipment designs, and emergency preparedness.

The most current performance information for LaSalle [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 2](#) is available on the NRC website.

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