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NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Annual Assessment of Robinson Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday, May 22, to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance for the Robinson nuclear power plant during 2012. The Robinson plant, which is operated by Duke Energy, is located near Hartsville, S.C., about 26 miles northwest of Florence.

NRC staff will present the results of the performance review at 3 p.m. EDT at the Hartsville Public Library, 147 W. College Ave., in Hartsville. NRC staff will be available after the presentation to answer questions from the public on the plant's performance last year as well as the agency's oversight and inspection.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that the Robinson plant operated safely in 2012 and will receive normal detailed baseline oversight and inspection efforts. The most recent inspection findings and performance indicators at the plant were "green," meaning they had very low safety significance.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess plant performance. The colors start with green, and escalate to white, yellow or red, based on the significance of the issues. Inspection findings and performance indicators are updated on the NRC's [website](#) each quarter.

"The NRC inspects nuclear plants and monitors their performance on an ongoing basis," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "We issue inspection reports throughout the year and we hold these annual meetings near each plant to discuss our oversight and answer any questions local residents may have."

The annual assessment [letter](#) for the Robinson plant is available on the NRC website as is current [performance](#) information for Robinson.

Routine inspections are carried out by the NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta. Among the areas at the Robinson plant to be inspected this year by NRC specialists are underground piping and operator licensing examinations.