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NRC Schedules Public Meeting Aug. 14 to Discuss Performance of Byron Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting on Aug. 14 to discuss the agency's annual assessment of safety performance for the Byron nuclear power plant. The two-unit plant is operated by Exelon Generation Co., and is located in Byron, Ill., approximately 17 miles southwest of Rockford.

The meeting is scheduled for 6-7 p.m. at the Byron Station Training Building, 4450 N. German Church Rd., in Byron. Attendees will be able to observe the meeting. After the business portion of the meeting they will have the opportunity to talk with NRC staff members about the plant's 2012 performance and the agency's oversight of the facility.

The NRC review concluded that the Byron facility operated safely in 2012. All performance indicators and inspection findings for the facility were green or of very low risk and would not cause the NRC to increase its oversight. As a result, Byron will continue to receive the NRC's normal level of oversight during 2013.

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 underground piping, radiological safety, equipment designs, and emergency preparedness.

The annual assessment letter sent from the NRC Region III office to Exelon addresses the performance of the plant during 2012 and is available on the NRC website.

The most current performance information for Byron Unit 1 and Unit 2 is available on the NRC website.