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NRC to Conduct Open House to Discuss 2016 Performance of Perry Nuclear Power Plant

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will be available to discuss the 2016 safety performance of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co., during an open house planned for July 11, in Perry, Ohio, about 35 miles northeast of Cleveland.

The open house will be held from 5-7 p.m., at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main St., in Perry. On hand to discuss the plant's performance and the NRC's oversight of the facility will be agency employees responsible for inspections of the plant, including the resident inspectors based at the site on a full-time basis.

The Perry plant operated safely during 2016. All inspection findings for the plant were green and there were no performance indicators outside the normal band. Four violations of very low safety significance were issued for reporting errors that could have affected our regulatory process. The NRC will conduct a follow up inspection to ensure FirstEnergy understands the cause of the issue and takes appropriate action to correct the matter.

"Our annual assessments of each plant provide a valuable, big-picture view of a plant's safety performance and help guide our inspection efforts," said NRC Region III Administrator Cynthia D. Pederson. "Our plant inspectors will be available to talk directly with the local community, about our evaluations and address any concerns about the agency or plant performance."

Day-to-day inspections are performed by two resident inspectors assigned to the plant. Reviews are also carried out at the sites by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency's Region III office in Lisle, Ill.

As a result of the overall performance, the plant is currently under the NRC's baseline level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

The <u>annual assessment letter</u> for Perry, as well as the <u>notice</u> for the meeting, are available on the <u>NRC website</u>. Current <u>plant performance</u> information is also available.