NRC Schedules Virtual Meeting to Discuss 2019 Safety Performance of Brunswick and Harris Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will discuss the 2019 safety performance of the Brunswick and Harris nuclear power plants during a virtual meeting scheduled for April 29.

The two-unit Brunswick plant is located on the southeastern coast of N.C., and the single-unit Harris plant is in the central part of the state south of Raleigh. Both plants are operated by Duke Energy.

The session will be held from 3-4 p.m., Eastern Time, with NRC employees responsible for plant inspections participating, including the resident inspectors based at the site. The meeting will be accessible via Skype. For individuals without access to Skype, the telephone conference number is 301-415-0333, passcode 7352349#.

The NRC determined that the Brunswick and Harris plants operated safely during 2019. Both plants are currently under the NRC’s normal level of oversight.

The NRC Reactor Oversight Process, which requires thousands of hours of inspection each year, uses color-coded inspection findings and indicators to measure plant performance. The colors start at green and increase to white, yellow or red, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Inspection findings or performance indicators with more than very low safety significance trigger increased NRC oversight.

Inspections at the Brunswick and Harris nuclear power plants are performed by NRC resident inspectors and other inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta.

The annual assessment letters for the Brunswick plant and the Harris plant, which include upcoming inspection plans for the plants, are available on the NRC website. Current performance information for Brunswick Unit 1, Brunswick Unit 2, and Harris is also available and is updated on a quarterly basis.