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NRC ISSUES DRAFT SUPPLEMENT TO FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT ON DECOMMISSIONING OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking public comments on its draft Supplement 1 to the "Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities (GEIS), NUREG-0586." The agency will hold four public meetings in December to discuss the document.

The Supplement was prepared because of technological advances in decommissioning operations, experience gained with shut down plants, and changes made to the NRC regulations since the GEIS was first published. It is a stand-alone document to be used to evaluate environmental impacts during decommissioning, which could lead to termination of the NRC license.

The draft Supplement finds that of the environmental issues assessed, most of the impacts are generic and small.

The draft report is available electronically through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at www.nrc.gov as an Agencywide Document Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) document and can also be viewed at the NRC's Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. For help in accessing ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the draft Supplement and the proposed action by December 31, to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T- 6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the NRC to the e-mail address dgeis@nrc.gov.

NRC staff will also hold four public meetings, at the following locations and dates, to present an overview of the draft Supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document:

December 4
The Argent Hotel
50 Third Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

December 6
The Drake
140 East Walton Place
Chicago, IL 60611

December 10
Boston Marriott Copley Place
110 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02116

December 12
Marriott Marquis
265 Peachtree Center Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30303

The meetings will be held from 7 until 10 p.m. The contents of the draft Supplement to the GEIS will be presented and interested parties will be given an opportunity to provide comments. Additionally, NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session. No comments on the draft Supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions.

Persons planning to attend or present oral comments at any or all of the meetings should contact Dino Scaletti at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1104, or by e-mail at dgeis@nrc.gov, no later than November 27. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending upon the number of persons who register.

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