

December 2, 2003

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC
SUPPLEMENT 17 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR DRESDEN NUCLEAR
POWER STATION (TAC NOS. MB6843 and MB6844)

Dear Mr. Skolds:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the draft plant-specific Supplement 17 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-19 and DPR-25 for Dresden Nuclear Power Station (DNPS), for an additional 20 years of operation. Enclosed is a copy of the report for your review and comment.

The draft report will be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and a Notice of Filing will be subsequently published by the EPA in the *Federal Register*. Any comments on the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS should be addressed to:

Chief
Rules and Directives Branch
Division of Administrative Services
Office of Administration
Mailstop T-6D59
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Comments may also be submitted electronically to the NRC at DresdenEIS@nrc.gov. The comment period will end on February 24, 2004. The public meeting will be held on January 14, 2004, at Jennifer's Garden Banquet and Convention Center located at 555 West Gore Road, Morris, Illinois regarding the draft report.

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A separate Notice of Availability will also be published in an upcoming *Federal Register* by the NRC, along with details regarding the January 14, 2004, public meeting (copy enclosed).

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos.: 50-237 and 50-249

Enclosure: As stated

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DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 17 TO GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE
LICENSE RENEWAL OF DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has published a draft plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-19 and DPR-25 for an additional 20 years of operation at Dresden Nuclear Power Station (DNPS). DNPS is located in Grundy County, Illinois, approximately 8 miles east of Morris, Illinois. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft supplement to the GEIS is available for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or, electronically, from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> (the NRC's Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov. In addition, the Morris Area

Public Library, located at 604 West Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois; and the Coal City Public Library District, located at 85 North Garfield Street, Coal City, Illinois, have agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by February 24, 2004. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at *DresdenEIS@nrc.gov*. All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American Tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and from the PARS component of ADAMS.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held on January 14, 2004, at Jennifer's Garden Banquet and Convention Center located at 555 West Gore Road, Morris, Illinois. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will commence at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. The second session will commence at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for

interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Mr. Louis L. Wheeler by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1444, or by e-mail at dxw@nrc.gov no later than January 8, 2004. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual, oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Wheeler's attention no later than January 8, 2004, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

For further information, contact: Mr. Louis L. Wheeler, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop: O-11F1, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Mr. Wheeler may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December, 2003.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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