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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT (FEIS) FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) AT THE EXELON
ESP SITE (TAC NO. MC1125)

Dear Ms. Kray:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-1815, "Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Exelon ESP Site: Final Report [FEIS]." Enclosed is a copy of the report and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the report is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room) and directly from the NRC Website at www.nrc.gov. In addition, the Vespasian Warner Public Library, located at 310 North Quincy Street, Clinton, Illinois, has agreed to make the FEIS available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 10.5 of the FEIS, the staff's recommendation related to the environmental aspects of the proposed action is that the ESP should be issued. This recommendation is based on: (1) the Environmental Report (ER) submitted by Exelon, as revised; (2) consultation with Federal, State, tribal and local agencies; (3) the staff's independent review; (4) the staff's consideration of comments received during the environmental review; and (5) the assessments summarized in the FEIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified in the ER and in the FEIS. In addition, in making its recommendation, the staff has concluded that there are no obviously superior alternative sites. Finally, the staff has determined that the site preparation and preliminary construction activities allowed by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 50.10(e)(1) will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact that cannot be redressed.

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A separate notice of filing of the FEIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Thomas Kenyon, at (301) 415-1120.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 52-007

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