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From: Terry, Tomeka
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 3:59 PM
To: VictoriaESP Resource
Subject: FW: Paradise Ranch

From: Williamson, Alicia
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 2:18 PM
To: Cecil Smith
Cc: Connie McMaster; PAUL & CHARLOTTE BUSCH; Bill Campbell; Terry, Tomeka; Wescott, Konstance L.; Avci, Halil I.
Subject: RE:

Mr. Smith

Regarding your question on which ranch will sustain the greatest impact as a result of the proposed early site permit (ESP), the NRC has not reached any conclusions at this time. As mentioned in my previous email, we are still in the information gathering phase. The environmental impact statement (EIS) will present the impact analysis or how much of an impact the environment, including nearby residents, will be effected by the proposed early site permit. A draft of this document is set to be published in March 2013. Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the NRC results outlined within the EIS, a 75 day comment period will follow its publication. In addition, the NRC will hold a public meeting in Victoria to discuss our findings during the 75 day comment window.

I hope this information was helpful.

Best regards,

Alicia W.

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Subject: Re:

Alicia,

Thank you very much for your responses. I would like to be on your mailing list and my address is included. I do have an additional question and that is - Since you are not touring neighboring ranches, I suspect you have concluded that our ranch will sustain the greatest environmental impact - is that your conclusion? If not, then why are you not touring other ranches?

Thanks,

Cecil E. Smith

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Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 3:46 PM

Subject: RE:

Hello Mr. Smith

Thank you for your patience. We had a full schedule in Victoria last week and it was really tough for me to sit down and thoroughly answer your questions, but now that I'm back in the office I can do so properly.

Your first question asked about the relationship between the NRC and Argonne National Laboratory? The NRC is contracted and using environmental experts from Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) to assist in writing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The team members from ANL are technical subject matter experts (SMEs) in a variety of areas needed for an environmental review. These review areas include terrestrial ecology, aquatic hydrology, and cultural resources just to name a few. They are considered part of the NRC staff.

The next question related to why the staff was visiting the Paradise Ranch, what were we looking for, and if information collected would be documented? The NRC staff and some of its technical SMEs visited the Paradise Ranch as part of its site audit. This visit provided a unique opportunity to view the surrounding environment of the proposed plant in a mostly undisturbed state. In addition, it allowed us to observe the native flora and fauna as well as gather valuable insights as we write and produce the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We call this process of observing and information gathering, "ground truthing." Ground-truthing is a major part of the environmental review process where the staff is independently verifying information provided by the applicant as well as gathering information from Federal, State, and local partners. In addition, several residents of the ranch requested/invited us to come out at the public Scoping meeting held in December 2010.

The environmental impact statement also commonly referred to as the EIS, is the main document the staff is producing for the environmental review. This document will analyze the reasonable foreseeable effects of the proposed early site permit on the surrounding environment and evaluate the potential cumulative, economic, social, and ecological impacts. Upon its completion, it will be publicly available and you as well as other members of the public will have the opportunity to review and provide comments. Currently, the Victoria ESP draft environmental impact statement (EIS) is scheduled to be published in March 2013. I can add you to our mailing list, that way when the document is published you will receive a copy. Just send me an address you would like it sent.

Finally, at this time we do not need any additional information from the Paradise Ranch or any of the other surrounding ranch's. If so, we will contact the appropriate individuals.

We were able to gather a great deal of information from not only Exelon but other Federal, state, and local partners.

I hope this information is helpful and I was able to answer all of questions. If you have additional questions or follow up, please do not hesitate to contact me or Tomeka Terry, Environmental Project Manager for Victoria ESP at 301-415-1488 or Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov.

Thank you.

Alicia

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From: Cecil Smith [mailto:cecilesmith1960@gmail.com]
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Alicia,
I look forward to your responses.
Thanks,
Cecil

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Mr. Smith
Thank you for your email. I am out of the office this week working in Victoria.
NRC/Argonne Victoria ESP environmental team members are conducting
a site audit or information gathering exercise to support the forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement.
I have limited Internet access this week and will be able to answer your questions in detail when I return to the office
next week. I am also open to discussing your questions via telephone also.
Thank you.
Alicia

From: Cecil Smith [cecilesmith1960@gmail.com]
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Subject:

Alicia,
I am Cecil Smith, one of the owners and member of the Board of Paradise Ranch. I am a new owner and Board member
and therefore am just trying to get up to speed regarding the proposed plant of
Exelon.

I understand you and others are to tour Paradise Ranch this Friday. I do not live at Paradise and will
probably not be there and had some questions that I would like to ask.

You said members of the NRC staff and personnel from Argonne National Laboratory will be touring.
What is the relationship of the NRC and Argonne?

I assume your visit's purpose is to gather information about the Ranch.
What are your specific objectives as far as information you expect to obtain and what will the info be used for?

To whom will the info obtained from the visit be presented?
May we have a copy of your report based on your visit?
Do you need specific detail info from us, and if you do, what do you need?

Are you touring all neighboring Ranches and when? If not, why not?

Thank you in advance for your responses, they will be a big help.

Cecil Smith

Treasurer - Paradise Ranch

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