

March 12, 2013

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In the Matter of
NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK, LLC
(Seabrook Station, Unit 1)
Docket No. 50-443-LR

RE: Update Regarding the Schedule for the Site-Specific Environmental Impact Statement and Safety Evaluation Report

Dear Administrative Judges:

This letter responds to the Board's March 11, 2013, Order directing the Staff to provide an update on the status of its safety and environmental reviews in this proceeding. At this time, the Staff expects to issue a supplement to its draft supplemental environmental impact statement in April of 2013 and a final supplemental environmental impact statement in December of 2013. In light of the Staff's ongoing review of the Alkali-Silica Reaction at Seabrook, the Staff currently does not have an estimate for when it will complete its safety review.

The Staff apologizes to the Board for the delay in delivering this update. Due to personnel changes, these updates were not brought to counsel's attention until after receipt of the Board's March 11, 2013 Order. Per the Board's instructions, the Staff will provide schedule updates in its monthly hearing file updates going forward. In addition, if the Staff makes any changes to the schedule between monthly updates, the Staff will immediately inform the Board.

Sincerely,

Signed (electronically) by

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Letter regarding Update Regarding the Schedule for the Site-Specific Environmental Impact Statement and Safety Evaluation Report, dated March 12, 2013, have been served over the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, this 12th day of March, 2013.

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