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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
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Public meetings to discuss the findings of the draft SEIS will be held at the Soddy-Daisy City Hall, 9835 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee, 37379, on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. The first session will convene at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m., as necessary. The meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft SEIS 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. A meeting notice will be published shortly providing more details about those public meetings. A separate Notice of Availability of the draft SEIS will be placed in the Federal Register through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Emily Larson, Social Scientist, at 301-415-1151 or by e-mail at Emily.Larson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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