

April 25, 2016

Mr. George Blanchard, Governor  
Absentee-Shawntee Tribe of Oklahoma  
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT FOR THE BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COMBINED  
LICENSE

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, as a cooperating agency, have completed the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for combined license (COL) at the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant site, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. A copy of the final EIS, NUREG-2179, "Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined License (COL) for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant," is included with this letter for your information. The comments received from the consulting parties and members of the public on the draft EIS were considered and responses are provided in Appendix E of the final EIS.

A notice of availability of the final EIS is anticipated to be published by the NRC on April 28, 2016, in the *Federal Register*. The final EIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, First Floor, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, and from the publicly available records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System under the Accession Numbers ML16111B169 and ML16111B193. The final EIS is also available directly on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/bell-bend/documents.html#feis>.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Tomeka Terry, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-1488 or by e-mail at [Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov](mailto:Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov) or Ms. Patricia Vokoun, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-3470 or by e-mail at [Patricia.Vokoun@nrc.gov](mailto:Patricia.Vokoun@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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