



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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August 17, 2020

LICENSEE: STP Nuclear Operating Company

FACILITY: South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 3, 2020, PRESUBMITTAL TELECONFERENCE WITH STP NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY REGARDING PROPOSED COVID-19 RELATED BIENNIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (EPID L-2020-LRM-0071)

On August 3, 2020, a Category 1 presubmittal public teleconference was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives of the STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed COVID-19 related biennial emergency preparedness (EP) exercise exemption request for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. The proposed exemption request would defer the biennial EP exercise from October 2020 to 2021, nominally July. The meeting notice and agenda, dated July 23, 2020, are available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML20205L595. A list of attendees is enclosed.

During the meeting, the licensee and the NRC staff discussed three topics. The first topic discussed involved the exemption approval request date and the due date for an exercise scenario submittal. The NRC staff indicated that the requirement for holding a biennial EP exercise is on a calendar year basis. Therefore, an exemption to defer a 2020 biennial EP exercise would be needed by December 31, 2020, which should be the licensee request date. The due date for the exercise scenario submittal is 60 days before an exercise is held. If the biennial EP exercise is deferred from the date originally scheduled or proposed, the due date for submittal of the exercise scenario would shift accordingly.

The second topic discussed involved the postponement of an biennial EP exercise beyond the 35-month period discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-03, "Guidance on Requesting an Exemption from Biennial Emergency Preparedness Exercise Requirements," dated February 24, 2006 (ADAMS Accession No. ML053390039). The NRC staff indicated that the licensee should describe its good faith efforts to schedule the biennial EP exercise within the 35 months. The licensee should also describe its interactions with stakeholders on the date beyond 35 months.

The third topic discussed involved the potential NRC industry waiver for offsite participation in biennial EP exercises in 2020. The NRC staff indicated that interactions on the topic both internal and external to the NRC were ongoing and that no decision had been made.

One member of the public called into the meeting and had no comments. No regulatory decisions or commitments were made at the meeting. Additionally, the NRC staff did not receive Public Meeting Feedback forms.

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Enclosure:
List of Attendees

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COVID-19 RELATED BIENNIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

EXEMPTION REQUEST

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