

develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

c. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

d. Any affected Indian tribe.

e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process.

f. Any person who intends to petition for leave to intervene.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC has decided to hold a public meeting for the SPS license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meeting will be held in the Combined District Court Room in the Surry County Government Center, 45 School Street, Surry, Virginia, on Wednesday September 19, 2001. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; (2) an overview by Virginia Power of the proposed action, SPS license renewal, and the environmental impacts as outlined in the ER; and (3) the opportunity for interested Government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the Surry County Government Center. No comments on the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the NEPA scoping process by contacting Mr. Andrew J. Kugler by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 2828, or by Internet to the NRC at ajk1@nrc.gov no later than September 11, 2001. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral

comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Kugler's attention no later than September 11, 2001, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the environmental scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS to:

Chief, Rules and Directives Branch,
Division of Administrative Services,
Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6
D 59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by October 15, 2001. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at SurryEIS@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions should be sent no later than October 15, 2001, to be considered in the scoping process. Comments will be available electronically and accessible through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> at the NRC Homepage.

Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Notice of opportunity for a hearing regarding the renewal application was the subject of the aforementioned **Federal Register** notice of acceptance for docketing. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at the public meeting.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached, including the significant issues identified, and will send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be available for inspection through the PERR link. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft supplement to the GEIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and a separate public meeting. Copies will be available for

public inspection at the above-mentioned addresses, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the proposed action, the supplement to the GEIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Kugler at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of August 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, Revisions

The schedule for the August 21-23, 2001 ACRS Subcommittee meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena to be held in Room T-2B3, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, has been revised. Specifically, the session scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, to review the license amendment request of the Nuclear Management Company, LLC, for a core power uprate for the Duane Arnold Energy Center has been postponed due to the unavailability of necessary documentation. The meeting will now begin on August 22. The meeting schedule is also revised to include a closed session to public attendance on August 23, 2001, to discuss Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4). Notice of this meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, July 30, 2001 (66 FR 39373). All other items pertaining to this meeting remain the same as previously published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul A. Boehnert, cognizant ACRS staff engineer, (telephone 301-415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (EDT).

Dated: August 9, 2001.

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