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NRC to Discuss Oyster Creek License Termination Plan, Gather Public Comments during Sept. 17 Meeting

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a hybrid meeting on September 17 to describe the license termination process and to <u>accept comments</u> on the license termination plan for the remaining cleanup activities for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Forked River, New Jersey.

The meeting is scheduled from 6-8:30 p.m. Eastern time at the Lacey Township Municipal Building, 818 Lacey Rd in Forked River. The public can also participate via Microsoft Teams; details will be available on the NRC's <u>public meeting schedule</u>.

The <u>license termination plan</u> was submitted in August 2024 and supplemented through May 2025 by Holtec Decommissioning International, the company performing the decommissioning. The plan addresses the remaining dismantlement activities, including planned demolition of building structures and removal of equipment, and remediation of the remaining residual radioactivity to a level that complies with NRC criteria. Under the regulations, the plan must be submitted to the NRC at least two years prior to the planned license termination.

The NRC staff <u>accepted</u> HDI's plan and subsequent supplements for a detailed technical review in June.

Written comments on the plan may be submitted through the federal rulemaking website, <u>regulations.gov</u>, under Docket ID NRC-2025-0907; or by mail to: Office of Administration, TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff. The deadline for filing comments is October 15.

Oyster Creek was a single-unit boiling-water reactor that came online in April 1969 and was permanently retired in September 2018. In July 2019, the NRC approved the transfer of the licenses for the plant and spent fuel facility from Exelon to Oyster Creek Environmental Protection LLC, for the purposes of decommissioning the facility. OCEP retains ownership of the plant, as well as control of the decommissioning trust fund for the site. HDI, as the licensed operator, is responsible for ensuring the decommissioning work is in compliance with all federal and state regulations.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.