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Subject: Citizen Interest In Harris Fuel Pools

I received an inquiry this afternoon from Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER reporter, James Shippen(?), as to the status of a CP&L application for a license amendment for use of two additional spent fuel pools at the one-unit plant. I told him no applicaiton had been received and explained the license amendment process to him. He said opponents said the notice would be "hidden" in the Federal Register and that 30 days was not enough time forthem to respond. I replied that anyone can request an extension of time for cause and that the NRC staff would consider any such request on its merits. I also told him that a news release is not part of the normal license amendment request, but since there is considerable (if small) public interest here, we would issue a press release when and if the amendment request is filed by the utility and when the staff places it in the federal register.

Harris construction began with four units in mind, but the utility eventually reeduced it to one. Two fuel pools currently function. The company has said it plans to ask for use of the two additional pools and will want to store some fuel from Brunswick and Robinson there.

Copies of the press release issued by NC WARN (Waste Awareness and Reduction Network), a CP&L memo on ithe company's intended press conference, and a copy of the CP&L press release are being faxed to headquarters and distributed to the regional offices.

CP&L spokesperson Susan Crutchfield said a person who identified himself as Michael Steinburg participated in a street demonstration outside CP&L corporate headquarters in RAleigh today and said he was a prime mover in getting the NRC to move at Millstone, has moved to Durham and is going to get on our case at Harris.

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