

October 26, 2001

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REVIEW OF THE PEACH  
BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dear Chief Tayac:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) understands you are currently seeking recognition by the state of Maryland and is offering you an opportunity to provide input for its environmental review of an application from Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) to renew its operating licenses for Units 2 and 3 of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS). As described below, the NRC process includes an opportunity for public participation in the environmental review. The NRC will hold public scoping meetings for the PBAPS license renewal supplement to the NRC's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants" (GEIS) (NUREG-1437). These scoping meetings will be held at the Peach Bottom Inn, 6085 Delta Road (Route 74), Delta, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, November 7, 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. The PBAPS is in the region of lands that may be of interest to the Piscataway Indian Nation. We want to ensure that you are aware of our efforts and, pursuant to our regulations at 10 CFR 51.28(b), the NRC invites the Piscataway Indian Nation to provide input to the scoping process relating to the NRC's environmental review of the application. The application and the environmental review process are described below.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant is issued for up to 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating licenses for PBAPS will expire in 2013 for Unit 2 and 2014 for Unit 3. Exelon submitted an environmental report as part of its application for renewal of the PBAPS operating licenses on July 2, 2001. The application can be found on the Internet at [www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/LR/index.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/LR/index.html). This document can also be viewed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, the Harford County Public Library, 2407 Whiteford Road, Whiteford, Maryland, and the Collinsville Community Library, 2632 Delta Road, Brogue, Pennsylvania. Also, the GEIS assesses the scope and impact of environmental effects that would be associated with license renewal at any nuclear power plant site. A copy of this document can also be found on the NRC's website and in the NRC PDR; if there are problems accessing the documents, contact the PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

The NRC is gathering information for the document that will be a PBAPS-specific supplement to the GEIS. The supplement will contain the results of the review of the environmental impacts on the area surrounding the PBAPS site that are related to terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology, hydrology, cultural resources, and socioeconomic issues (among others) and will contain a recommendation regarding the environmental acceptability of the license renewal action.

Please submit any written comments the Piscataway Indian Nation may have to offer on the scope of the environmental review by November 26, 2001. Comments should be submitted either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6-D-59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or by Internet to [Peach\\_Bottom\\_EIS@nrc.gov](mailto:Peach_Bottom_EIS@nrc.gov).

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of the significant issues identified and the conclusions reached and will send a copy to you.

The NRC will prepare a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for public comment and will hold another set of public meetings in the site vicinity to solicit comments on the draft. A copy of the draft SEIS will be sent to you for your review and comment. After consideration of public comments received on the draft, the NRC will prepare a final SEIS. The issuance of a final environmental statement for the PBAPS is planned for early 2003. If you need additional information regarding the environmental review process, please contact Mr. Duke Wheeler, Senior Project Manager, at (301) 415-1444.

Sincerely,

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