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NRC TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON DRAFT DECOMMISSIONING DOCUMENT AT PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10 IN BOSTON

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comments on its draft Supplement 1 to the "Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities, NUREG-0586." The agency will hold a public meeting in Boston on December 10 to discuss the document.

The meeting will be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave., from 7 to 10 p.m. In conjunction with that session, NRC staff will host informal discussions for one hour prior to the start of the formal meeting. The informal discussion will not be part of the formal comment record. The Boston meeting is one of a series of sessions being held throughout the United States to discuss the draft supplement.

At the meeting, the contents of the draft supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement will be presented and interested parties will be given an opportunity to provide comments.

Persons planning to attend or present oral comments at the meeting should contact Dino Scaletti at 1-800-368-5642 (toll-free), extension 1104, or by e-mail at dgeis@nrc.gov. Members of the public also may register to speak at the meeting prior to the start of the session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending upon the number of persons who register.

The supplement was prepared because of technological advances in decommissioning operations, experience gained with shutdown plants and changes made to the NRC regulations since the GEIS was first published. It is a standalone document to be used to evaluate environmental impacts during decommissioning, which could lead to termination of an NRC license.

The draft report is available electronically through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at www.nrc.gov as an Agencywide Document Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) document. Use the online "find" function to search for accession number ML013090364. It is also available at the NRC's Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. For help in accessing ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room staff at 1-800-397-4209 (toll-free), (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov