

February 11, 2003

ORGANIZATION: Multiple

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS REVIEW OF THE GRAND GULF SITE EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) APPLICATION

The New Reactor Licensing Project Office (NRLPO) held public outreach meetings on November 14, 2002, to provide information to the public on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) early site permit (ESP) review process, as well as to provide information on opportunities for public involvement in that process for the Grand Gulf site. The meetings also included a discussion of the perspectives, roles, and responsibilities of the NRC with regard to the Grand Gulf site. The public meetings were held in the Port Gibson City Hall, 1005 College Avenue, Port Gibson, Mississippi, beginning with the first meeting from 2:00 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. followed by a later meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m. Meeting handouts included: (1) Meeting agenda and (2) Presentation material by James Lyons, Director of NRLPO and Ronaldo Jenkins, Grand Gulf ESP Project Manager. In addition, the staff compiled a list of meeting attendees.

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Consistent with the meeting agenda, the NRC staff discussed the regulatory framework under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 52 for new reactor licensing processes in general, and specifically, the ESP review process. An Entergy Operations, Incorporated (Entergy) representative provided an overview of the company's plans and schedule for the ESP application expected to be filed with the NRC in June 2003. The remainder of the allotted time was used for an open dialogue among all meeting participants providing an opportunity for the NRC staff to obtain stakeholder feedback on the proposed action and to address questions the public had on the licensing process. Listed below is a summary of the themes of the questions asked by the meeting participants, which the staff addressed, during the two public meetings.

1. Waste storage and transportation (Yucca Mountain, Private Fuel Storage, dry cask storage, spent fuel pools)
2. Security (site, transportation, waste storage facilities)
3. Independence of NRC (fee structure, ethics)
4. Role of NRC in regulating and role of resident inspectors
5. Environmental sampling (how it's done, who does it, and the requirements)

The afternoon and evening public meetings were attended by 60 and 45 participants respectively. Both formal sessions were preceded by an informal "open house" beginning one hour prior to each session. The "open house" provided members of the public with an opportunity to talk informally "one-on-one" with the NRC staff.

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