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**Subject:** Re: FYI - PBMR Decision delayed one year

FYI, here is a brief summary of yesterday's meeting with Exelon that I put together for NRLPO's weekly hot topics. Alex Murray of NMSS was in attendance.

On October 25, the staff met with Exelon to discuss the PBMR pre-application review. Ward Sproat, VP-Exelon, provided an update on the status of the PBMR project in South Africa (RSA). Mr. Sproat said that the PBMR partners have concluded that the PBMR project has shown enough progress and promise to continue. However, due to various technical and political factors including uncertainty of the licensability of the design in the U.S., the partners have delayed the decision to build the RSA demonstration plant by one year. A decision is now expected in late CY 02. Exelon will continue pre-application activities with the staff to support this decision. Exelon would like to proceed on the current pre-application schedule, if possible, but the availability of technical details from RSA may be a factor. Mr. Sproat said that the U.S. COL application will be delayed until a least late CY 03, but preparations for an ESP application in 2002 are proceeding as planned. Other topics discussed were high temperature materials, graphite oxidation, and the PBMR design approach.

>>> Michael Weber 10/26/01 01:35PM >>>

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