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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON UPDATING GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold four public meetings in July concerning an update of its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," NUREG-1437, originally published in 1996.

The GEIS assesses the overall scope and impact of environmental effects associated with license renewal at any nuclear power plant site. Separate supplements to the GEIS are prepared to assess specific environmental issues at individual plants when a license renewal application is submitted for that plant.

Members of the public are invited to comment on issues that the NRC should consider in its GEIS update. NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to each meeting, answering questions and providing additional information about the scoping process, but no formal submittals will be accepted during the discussions. The formal meetings will start at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

July 8: DoubleTree-Atlanta Perimeter, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Georgia;

July 10: Hilton-Oak Lawn, 9333 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois;

July 15: Hilton-Anaheim, 777 Convention Way, Anaheim, California, and;

July 17: Executive Conference Center at Bayside (adjacent to the DoubleTree-Bayside), 200 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Those who wish to present oral comments are encouraged to register by contacting Barry Zalzman at 800-368-5642, x2419, or via e-mail at LRGEISUpdate@nrc.gov no later than June 30. Speaker registration will be available before the start of each session, but individual comment time may be limited. Written comments should be submitted by September 2, 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 e-mail to

LRGEISUpdate@nrc.gov .

The GEIS, its Addendum 1 that was published in 1999, and subsequent site-specific Supplements may be viewed on the NRC web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/> . These documents are also available in the NRC Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

At the conclusion of the information-gathering process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of conclusions and significant issues and will send a copy to interested persons who participated in the scoping process. The summary will also be available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) on the NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> . The NRC will hold additional public meetings for public comment once the draft GEIS revision is prepared.

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