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**Subject:** Clinton Scoping Meeting Date and Information

Dear Ms. Lindberg:

Nanette Gilles forwarded your e-mail to me because I am the environmental project manager for the Clinton Early Site Permit (ESP) application. In that e-mail, you asked when the Clinton scoping meeting is going to be held and requested any pertinent guidelines for its agenda.

To give you some background information, the NRC is planning to conduct an environmental scoping process, which includes a public meeting in Clinton, Illinois, to assist us with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the Clinton ESP application. Participation in this scoping process by members of the public is encouraged. As described in 10 CFR 51.29, the scoping process for the draft EIS will be used to accomplish the following:

- a. Define the proposed action which is to be the subject of the EIS.
- b. Determine the scope of the EIS and identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth.
- c. Identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are peripheral or that are not significant.
- d. Identify any environmental assessments and other environmental impact statements (EISs) that are being or will be prepared that are related to but are not part of the scope of the EIS being considered.
- e. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action.
- f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule.
- g. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the EIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies.
- h. Describe how the EIS will be prepared, including any contractor assistance to be used.

Please note that participation in the scoping process for the EIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the hearing proceeding to which the EIS relates. The staff will issue a notice of opportunity to participate in the hearing regarding the ESP application in the near future.

We will be holding the public meeting on the Clinton early site permit application at the Vespasian Warner Public Library, located at 310 N. Quincy Street, Clinton, Illinois, on Thursday, December 18, 2003. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:30 p.m., as necessary. The meeting will be transcribed and will include (1) an overview of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process, the proposed scope of the EIS, and the proposed review schedule; (2) an overview of the proposed action; and (3) the opportunity for interested Government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the EIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of the meeting at the Vespasian Warner Public Library. If desired, we can make a table available to you for appropriate displays during the informal discussions before the meeting.

To be considered, comments must be provided either during the transcribed portion of the public meeting or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the NEPA scoping process by contacting me, Thomas Kenyon, by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 1120, or by Internet at [ClintonEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:ClintonEIS@nrc.gov) no later than December 5, 2003. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each

session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the EIS.

If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to my attention no later than December 5, 2003, so that we can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

We will also be issuing a meeting notice and a Federal Register notice to announce this meeting by the end of November 2003. Dates and times for future meetings will be provided on the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov>. If you provide us with a name and address to send future information concerning this review, I will add your name to the service list for the Clinton ESP review. This will ensure that your organization will receive meeting information concerning the Clinton ESP review, the EIS, and other pertinent information. Further, if you provide us with a phone number at which we can contact you, the facilitator for the meeting, Chip Cameron, will call you to discuss the format of the meeting and address any questions you have about participating in the meeting.

Information about new reactor licensing and the Clinton ESP application can be found at the NRC website address <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html>. In addition, the following key reference documents related to the NRC staff's review process are available through the NRC's web site ([www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)):

- a. 10 CFR Part 51, Environmental protection regulations for domestic licensing and related regulatory functions
- b. 10 CFR Part 52, Early site permits; standard design certifications; and combined licenses for nuclear power plants
- c. 10 CFR Part 100, Reactor site criteria
- d. NUREG-1555, Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants
- e. NUREG/BR-0298, Brochure on Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Process
- f. Regulatory Guide 4.7, General Site Suitability Criteria for Nuclear Power Stations
- g. Fact Sheet on Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Process
- h. Draft Review Standard RS-002, Processing Applications for Early Site Permits
- i. NRR Office Instruction LIC-203, Procedural Guidance for Preparing Environmental Assessments and Considering Environmental Issues

The regulations, NUREG-series documents, regulatory guide, and fact sheet can be found under Document Collections in the Electronic Reading Room on the NRC web page. The draft review standard is at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/license-reviews/esp/esp-public-comments-rs-002.html>. Finally, Office Instruction LIC-203 can be found in ADAMS in two parts under accession numbers ML011710073 (main text) and ML011780314 (charts and figures).

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any additional questions, you can contact me at the above telephone number or this e-mail address.

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