

AEC TO HOLD INFORMAL PUBLIC MEETING
ON PENNSYLVANIA REACTOR PROJECT

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Philadelphia Electric Company has applied to the Commission for a construction permit for an advanced high-temperature gas cooled power reactor to be constructed for Philadelphia Electric and 52 associated utilities. The reactor will have a design capacity of 40,000 electrical kilowatts.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 10 a.m., December 18 in the Auditorium of AEC Headquarters, Germantown, Maryland, to consider the issuance of a construction permit for the Peach Bottom reactor.

Purpose of the December 8 informal public meeting at Delta, Pennsylvania, is to give members of the public, who live in the area where the reactor would be located, an opportunity to ask questions of AEC regulatory personnel. The meeting also will enable members of the Commission's regulatory staff to describe the AEC regulatory procedures and review of safety considerations involved in the proposed reactor.

This is the third meeting of its kind held by AEC. Similar meetings have been held at Pleasanton, California, and Gaithersburg, Maryland, to discuss reactors proposed in those areas.

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Participants in the informal public meeting will include Robert Lowenstein, Director of AEC's Division of Licensing and Regulation; Edson Case, Acting Assistant Director of Facilities Licensing of the Division of Licensing and Regulation; and Dr. Martin Biles, Chief of the Test and Power Reactor Safety Branch of the Division of Licensing and Regulation.

Representatives of the Philadelphia Electric Company, state officials from Pennsylvania and Maryland, and local officials have been invited to attend the meeting.

AEC is making available to the public a staff analysis of the safety aspects of the proposed Peach Bottom reactor prepared by its Division of Licensing and Regulation, together with the report of the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. These documents may be obtained by writing to the Director, Division of Licensing and Regulation, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25, D. C., or from the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street NW, Washington, D. C. Copies of the safeguards analysis and of the report of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards also will be available at the public meeting.

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