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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PLANT- SPECIFIC  
SUPPLEMENT 28 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS (GEIS)  
REGARDING OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION  
(TAC NO. MC7625)

Dear Mr. Swenson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the draft plant-specific Supplement 28 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (GEIS) regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-16 for an additional 20 years of operation for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. Enclosed is a copy of the draft supplement and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the draft supplement is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>. The accession number for the draft Supplement 28 to the GEIS is ML061520231. In addition, the Lacey Public Library, located at 10 East Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ 08731, has agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the draft supplement, the preliminary recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by AmerGen Energy Company, LLC; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments received during the scoping process.

C. N. Swenson

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A separate notice of filing of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Dr. Michael Masnik, at 301-415-1191 or by e-mail at [MTM2@nrc.gov](mailto:MTM2@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-219

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Draft Supplement 28 to the GEIS

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AMERGEN ENERGY COMPANY, LLC

OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

DOCKET NO. 50-219

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 28 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS, AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, Commission) has published a draft plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-16 for an additional 20 years of operation for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS). OCNGS is located along the western shore of Barnegat Bay between the South Branch of Forked River and Oyster Creek, in Ocean County, New Jersey. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft Supplement 28 to the GEIS is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>. The accession number for the draft Supplement 28 to the GEIS is ML061520231. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff by

telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). In addition, the Lacey Public Library, located at 10 East Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ 08731, has agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by September 8, 2006. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-6D59, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at [OysterCreekEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:OysterCreekEIS@nrc.gov). All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, local agencies, Native American Tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and through ADAMS.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held on July 12, 2006, at the Quality Inn located at 815 Route 37 in Toms River, New Jersey. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the

opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Dr. Michael Masnik, the NRC Environmental Project Manager at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1191, or by e-mail at [OysterCreekEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:OysterCreekEIS@nrc.gov) no later than July 5, 2006. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments 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. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Dr. Masnik's attention no later than June 28, 2006, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Dr. Michael Masnik, Environmental Branch B, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O-11F1, Washington, DC, 20555-0001. Dr. Masnik may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of June, 2006.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Memo to: C. N. Swenson from Michael Masnik, dated: June 9, 2006

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