C.III.3. Finality of an EIS Associated with an ESP

A COL applicant may reference an early site permit (ESP). In this situation, the NRC has established a unique relationship between the two major Federal actions — the ESP and COL. In addition, a COL applicant may reference a certified design or a design with a manufacturing license. Either of these approvals may contain the conclusions from an associated environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS), which may be used in the COL application and considered by the NRC staff. Rulemaking on 10 CFR Part 52 is currently in process and will address issues related to finality of an EIS associated with an ESP. Guidance for this section will be provided as part of the final regulatory guide following issuance of the final Part 52 rule.