# January 17, 2006

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL PLANT- SPECIFIC

SUPPLEMENT 28 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING

OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

(TAC NO. MC7625)

### Dear Mr. Rausch:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the final 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 final supplement and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final 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 <a href="http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm">http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm</a>. The Accession Numbers for the final Supplement 28 to the GEIS are ML070100234 (Volume 1) and ML070100258 (Volume 2). In addition, the Lacey Public Library, located at 10 East Lacey Road, Forked River, New Jersey 08731, has agreed to make the final supplement available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final supplement, the staff recommends 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.

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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 <a href="MTM2@nrc.gov">MTM2@nrc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

### /RA/

Rani L. Franovich, Branch Chief Environmental Branch B Division of License Renewal Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-219

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# AMERGEN ENERGY COMPANY, LLC OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENT 28 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS, REGARDING THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

**DOCKET NO. 50-219** 

\_\_\_\_\_Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, Commission) has published a final 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.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final Supplement 28, 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, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for OCNGS are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning

decision makers would be unreasonable.

The final 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 <a href="http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm">http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm</a>. The accession numbers for the final Supplement 28 to the GEIS are ML070100234 (Volume 1) and ML070100258 (Volume 2). 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 <a href="mailto:pdr@nrc.gov">pdr@nrc.gov</a>. In addition, the Lacey Public Library, located at 10 East Lacey Road, Forked River, New Jersey 08731, has agreed to make the final Supplement 28 to the GEIS available for public inspection.

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 1-800-368-5642, extension 1191 or via e-mail at mtm2@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of January 2007.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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# Memo to: T. Rausch from Michael Masnik, dated January 17, 2007

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