

June 8, 2007

Mr. Michael Kansler
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SITE-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT 31
TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE
RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS (GEIS) REGARDING JAMES A.
FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (TAC NO. MD2667)

Dear Mr. Kansler:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the draft site-specific Supplement 31 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS)," regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-59 for an additional 20 years of operation for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (JAFNPP). 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 (PDR) or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. The Accession Number for the draft Supplement 31 to the GEIS is ML071420019. In addition, Penfield Library SUNY, 7060 State Route 104, Oswego, NY 13126 and Oswego Public Library, 140-142 East Second Street, Oswego, NY 13126, have agreed to make the draft supplement 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 JAFNPP 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 Entergy Nuclear FitzPatrick, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the NRC staff's own independent review; and (5) the NRC staff's consideration of public comments received during the scoping process.

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A separate Notice of Availability 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, Ms. Jessie M. Muir, at 301-415-0491 or by e-mail at jmm7@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ENTERGY NUCLEAR FITZPATRICK, LLC, AND ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.
JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 31 TO THE GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS,
AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF JAMES A. FITZPATRICK
DOCKET NO. 50-333

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-59 for an additional 20 years of operation for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (JAFNPP). JAFNPP is located on Lake Ontario in Oswego County, approximately seven miles northeast of the City of Oswego, New York. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft Supplement 31 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://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. The Accession Number for the draft Supplement 31 to the GEIS is ML071420019. 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 pdrc@nrc.gov. In addition, the libraries: Penfield Library SUNY, 7060 State Route 104, Oswego, NY 13126 and Oswego Public Library, 140-142 East Second Street, Oswego, NY 13126 have 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 considered, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by September 05, 2007; the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Comments received after the due date will be considered only if it is practical to do so. 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, DC 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 FitzPatrickEIS@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 August 01, 2007, at the Scriba Town Municipal Building, 42 Creamery Road, Oswego, New York 13126. 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 Ms. Jessie M. Muir, the NRC Environmental Project Manager at 1-800-368-5642, extension 0491, or by e-mail at FitzPatrickEIS@nrc.gov no later than July 18, 2007. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments before 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 Ms. Muir's attention no later than July 18, 2007, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Ms. Jessie M. Muir, 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. Ms. Muir may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of June, 2007.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Letter to M. Kansler from R. Franovich dated June 8, 2007

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