

December 28, 2007

APPLICANT: Tennessee Valley Authority

FACILITY: Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 4, 2007, PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING

On December 4, 2007, representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public meeting at Rhea County High School in Evensville, TN. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the public about the NRC's licensing and inspection processes to be applied to the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA's) Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 2, and to provide information on how the public can monitor and participate in those processes. A list of the NRC meeting participants is given in the Enclosure.

Before its formal presentation, the staff conducted an "open house," where informal discussions were conducted with members of the public. A copy of the slides used for the NRC staff's formal presentation may be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System at accession number ML073470807.

After the staff's presentation, a facilitated question and answer session was held. The staff was asked if it will communicate with the public, and how information can be obtained regarding NRC processes and review standards. The principal means of communication is the NRC website, which will be supplemented by notices in local newspapers to notify the public of major activities. Individuals may also request that information be provided by mail. Staff products will be written as clearly as possible, within the constraints of the technical nature of many subjects.

Attendees asked several questions about the environmental review topics and process. The staff said that its review will address the full scope of environmental issues, and noted that requirements of other state, local, and Federal agencies will also affect WBN activities. The NRC environmental review is tentatively planned to begin in spring 2008.

Attendees asked about TVA's current activities at the site. The staff stated that TVA is presently focused on identifying the scope of work to be performed, so no major construction is expected for several months. The NRC inspects TVA's activities, but does not play a role in TVA's cost estimates. The staff also said that the existing construction permit expires in 2010, and that TVA will need to request an extension since the plant is not expected to be complete until 2012.

Attendees asked about the NRC's budget and how much TVA pays for NRC activities. The staff discussed how NRC activities are predominately funded via user fees, with appropriations authorized by Congress. Staff actions directly in support of WBN Unit 2 licensing and inspection are billed to TVA at a rate of over \$200 per staff hour.

A question was asked about the NRC's role in transportation of fuel and waste. The NRC regulates these activities, along with the Department of Transportation.

The staff also responded to questions and comments regarding the site emergency plan. This plan is developed by state and local agencies in coordination with TVA. The plan includes provisions where individuals with special needs can be identified and assistance provided in the event of an emergency.

A question was asked about decommissioning. The staff replied that adequacy of funding is reviewed by the NRC, as described in the safety evaluation.

Questions regarding this meeting can be directed to Joseph Williams at 301-415-1470, or jfw1@nrc.gov.

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Public Outreach Meeting – Evensville, Tennessee
December 4, 2007

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