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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST HEARING ON LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating license for the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, Unit 1, for an additional 20 years.

Three Mile Island Unit 1 is a pressurized water reactor located 10 miles southeast of Harrisburg, Pa. The plant owner, AmerGen Energy Co., submitted the renewal application Jan. 8. The current operating license for Unit 1 expires April 19, 2014.

The NRC staff has determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally “docket,” or file, the application and begin its technical and environmental reviews. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the reviews proceed, nor does it indicate whether the Commission will renew the license.

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing will be published soon in the *Federal Register*. The deadline for requesting a hearing is 60 days after publication of the notice. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. Background information regarding the hearing process was provided by NRC staff to members of the public during public information sessions conducted March 4 near the plant.

A request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed through the NRC’s E-Filing system. Anyone wishing to file should contact the Office of the Secretary by e-mail at HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov at least five days before the filing deadline to request a digital ID certificate and allow for the creation of an electronic docket.

The Three Mile Island license renewal application is posted on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/three-mile-island.html>. A schedule for reviewing the application will be posted soon. License renewal reviews typically take 22 months with no hearing, or 30 months if a hearing is granted.

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at
<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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