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**Public Scoping Meeting
Harris Nuclear Power Plant
Units 2 and 3
Combined License Application**

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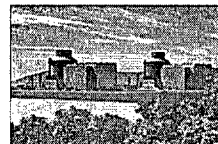
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Purposes of the meeting

- Solicit input to the environmental scoping process
- Explain what the NRC does during the review of a combined license application
- Discuss schedule of environmental review
- Describe how you can participate in the regulatory process

Participants in NRC Licensing Process



NRC

- Commissioners
- Staff members
- Hearing Boards
- Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

Stakeholders

- Residents of the community
- Public interest groups
- Other federal agencies
- State entities
- Local officials
- Tribal officials and others

License Applicant

- Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC)

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Combined License (COL)

- Authorization from the NRC to construct and operate a nuclear power plant at a specific site and in accordance with law and regulations
- Progress Energy submitted an application for a combined license for Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 & 3 on February 18, 2008

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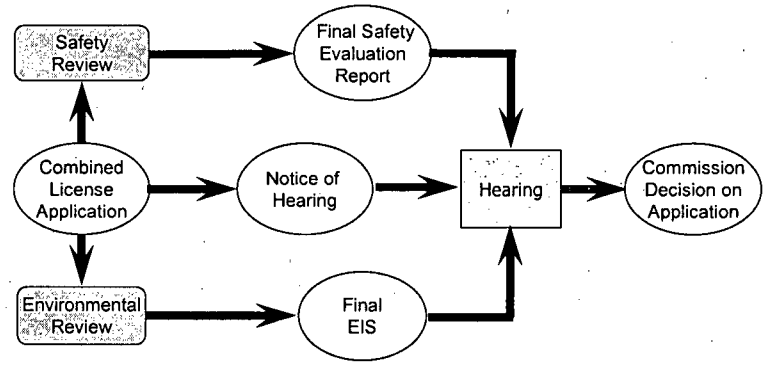
Relevant Laws & Regulations

- Atomic Energy Act (Primary Law)
- Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Key Regulations)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Reviews of Harris Combined License Application and AP1000 Design Certification

- NRC review has three primary components:
 - Harris COL Application:
 - Site-specific safety review of the AP1000 design as located at Harris
 - Environmental impacts of Units 2 and 3 at Harris
 - Certified Design - AP1000
 - 3-year detailed review of generic design

Combined License Application Review Process



Safety Review

- Design of facility
- Site suitability (safety)
- Quality assurance
- Physical security (with DHS)
- Emergency preparedness (with FEMA)
- Operator training

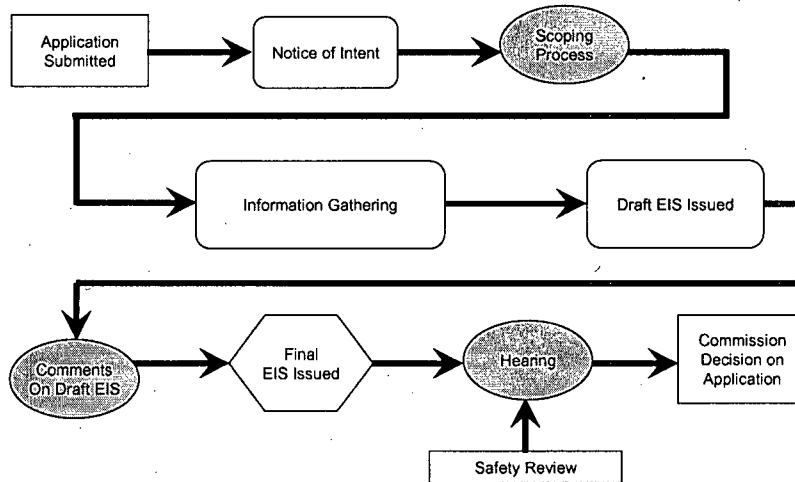
National Environmental Policy Act

- NEPA requires Federal agencies to use a systematic approach to consider environmental impacts
- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for major Federal actions that may significantly affect the quality of the human environment
- Issuing a combined license is considered a major Federal action

NRC Environmental Review

- Evaluate environmental impacts of construction and operation at Harris
- Informed and systematic decision making
 - 10 CFR Part 51 – NRC's regulations for implementing NEPA
 - NUREG-1555, "Environmental Standard Review Plan" provides review guidance
- Provide for public involvement –
 - Scoping comment period
 - Draft EIS comment period
- Clearly document our environmental findings
- Maintain an open and transparent review process

Environmental Review Process



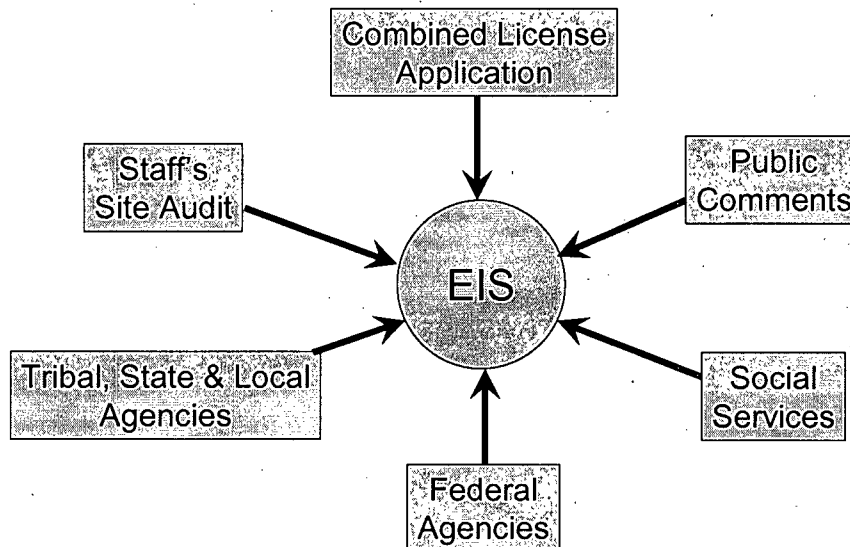
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Environmental Scoping

- This process helps determine the scope of the review
- Comments during the scoping period can be provided through July 25, 2008
- Scoping Summary Report will provide responses to comments received

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Information Gathering



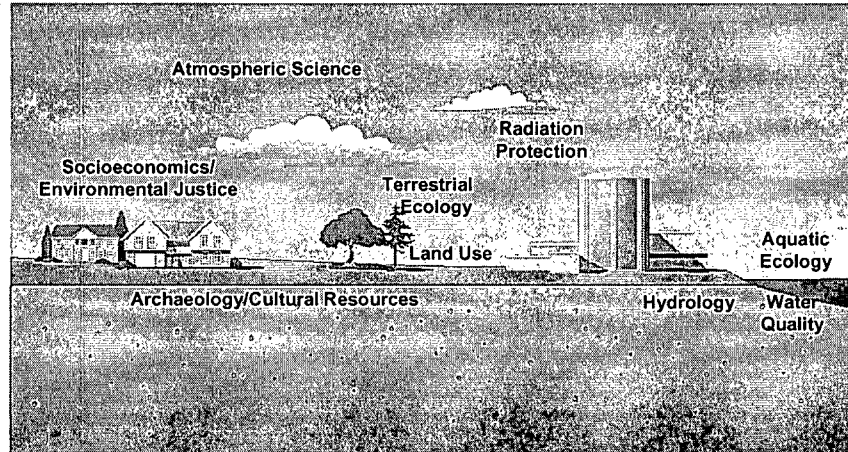
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EIS Review Areas

- Affected Environment
- Site Layout & Plant Description
- Construction Impacts at the Proposed Site
- Operational Impacts at the Proposed Site
- Fuel Cycle, Transportation & Decommissioning
- Cumulative Impacts
- Need for Power
- Environmental Impacts of Alternatives
- Comparison of Proposed Action and Alternative Sites

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Environmental Review Team Expertise



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Environmental Review Schedule

- Review of the Environmental Report started
- Site environmental audit scheduled
- Scoping period in progress
 - Notice of Intent published May 23, 2008
 - Comment period ends July 25, 2008
- Issue Draft EIS – June 2009
- Public Meeting on Draft EIS – August 2009
- Issue Final EIS – May 2010

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Environmental Scoping Comments

- Provide Scoping Comments
 - By mail: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
Division of Administrative Services
Mailstop T-6D59
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
 - E-mail: Harris.COLEIS@nrc.gov
 - In person: 11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

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Hearing

- Petition to intervene
 - Deadline to file is **60 days** from Federal Register Notice publication (August 4, 2008)
- Digital certificate or waiver required for filing a petition
- Instructions for e-filing are in the hearing notice and at www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html
- Allow 10 business days for obtaining the digital certificate

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Public Involvement

- **Public interaction during environmental review**
 - Comment periods
 - Scoping period ends July 25, 2008
 - Summer 2009 for Draft EIS
 - Public meetings for scoping and on the Draft EIS
 - Access to review results (Draft and Final EIS)
- **Hearing**
 - Opportunity to intervene was published on June 4, 2008; deadline to file petition to intervene is August 4, 2008
 - Hearing covers both safety and environmental issues
- **Obtain information at:**
www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/harris.html

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Documents can be viewed on NRC's website at:
www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/harris.html,
or at Eva H. Perry Library, West Regional Library,
and Holly Springs Library

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