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Cc: Beverly Sweeney; Nilesh Chokshi; Scott Flanders; Andy Campbell; Thomas Bergman; Mohammed Shuaibi
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Carolyn, as described in Enclosure 4 of the Communication Plan (attached), the DNRL PM is responsible for "ensuring that the NRO external webpage is maintained for his/her specific project." There are specific details regarding when and how this is to be done which is included in Enclosure 4, as well.

As discussed, Tom indicated that he will bring this up at our meeting on Tuesday with the BCs to determine if they are ok with the DNRL PMs posting the environmental information. I will get back to you immediately after Tuesday's meeting; however, to ensure that the information is posted, Tom suggested that the DSER PMs/LAs take care of this for now.

I will revise the comm plan, as needed, based on whatever we agree to do.

thanks,
meena

From: Carolyn Lauron
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Hi -

In the past the DNRL LAs had been processing requests to post site specific information on the public website. For example, environmental PMs would send FRNs for environmental meetings to the DNRL LA would process these for posting in the public website.

Recently, the DNRL LAs indicated that the posting of environmental information will be handled by the DSER LAs.

Richard/Butch(Brent) - Please confirm that the DSER LAs will be the DSER contacts for this information and pass this on to the staff and the DSER LAs. I have received many questions from the DSER PMs regarding this function.

Meena - Is this function defined in the communication plan? If not, is there a document where we would we place this type of information such that the PMs are aware?

Bob/NROWebservices - Currently, the DSER PMs are making requests directly to NROWebservices. If this is the accepted process, then Meena and I will let the safety and environmental PMs.

Thanks,
Carolyn
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GENERIC COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THE REVIEW OF NEW REACTOR COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATIONS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan is to deliver clear and concise messages about new reactor requirements, as well as to convey the United States (US) Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) expectations and objectives to interested parties in a timely and efficient manner. This communication plan provides information on actions regarding the NRC review and issuance of a combined license (COL) to key internal and external stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

The NRC is responsible for licensing and regulating the operation of commercial nuclear power plants (NPPs) in the US. Previously operating NPPs were licensed under a two-step process described in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." This process requires an applicant to first obtain a construction permit (CP) and subsequently obtain an operating license (OL).

In an effort to improve regulatory efficiency and add greater predictability to the process, in 1989 the NRC established an alternative one-step licensing process in 10 CFR Part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants."

This process combines the CP and the OL with conditions for plant operation. Such a license is referred to as a COL.

Other licensing activities authorized under Part 52 include early site permits (ESPs) and standard design certifications (DCs). An ESP allows an applicant to obtain approval for a reactor site without specifying the design of the reactor(s) that may be built. A standard DC resolves technical issues associated with a specific reactor plant design. A COL application can reference an ESP, a certified design, both, or neither.

Regardless of what licensing alternatives an applicant may wish to employ, it must receive NRC approval before constructing and operating a NPP. Through its inspection programs, the NRC maintains oversight of the construction and operation of a facility throughout its lifetime to assure compliance with the Commission's regulations for the protection of public health and safety, the common defense and security, and the environment.

In order to construct or operate a NPP, an applicant must submit a safety analysis report. This document contains the design information and criteria for the proposed reactor and comprehensive data on the proposed site. It also discusses various hypothetical accident situations and the safety features of the plant that prevent or mitigate such accidents should they occur, to lessen their effects. In addition, the application must contain a comprehensive assessment of the environmental impact of the proposed plant. A prospective licensee must

also submit information showing that it is technically and financially qualified to operate a proposed plant.

Upon receipt of a COL application, the NRC staff conducts a 60-day acceptance review to determine whether or not the application is complete and contains sufficient information to satisfy Commission requirements for a detailed review. If the application is accepted for review, the NRC publishes notices in the *Federal Register* (FR) announcing the docketing of the application and allowing members of the public an opportunity to petition to intervene in the hearing. Prior to the submittal of the application, the NRC may also hold a public meeting in the vicinity of the proposed plant to inform the public of the new reactor(s) planned for each applicant's site, to inform them of the COL process under the new 10 CFR Part 52 regulations, and to let them know when and how they can participate during the licensing process.

Correspondence related to the application is placed on the NRC's website, in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), and in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located in Rockville, Maryland. Following docketing of the COL application, the NRC issues a press release to media near the proposed plant announcing receipt of the application and sends copies of the announcement to Federal, State, and local officials.

Following the docketing of a COL application, the NRC staff reviews the application to determine whether or not the proposed facility meets all applicable safety regulations. The areas of review include characteristics of the site, including surrounding population, seismology, meteorology, geology and hydrology; design of the nuclear plant; anticipated response of the plant to hypothetical accidents; plant operations including the applicant's technical qualifications to operate the plant; discharges from the plant into the environment (i.e., radiological effluents); physical security and emergency plans. When the NRC completes its review, it prepares a safety evaluation report (SER), documenting how the proposal meets Commission regulations and thus ensures public health and safety.

The NRC staff also performs an environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed plant. After completing this review, the NRC issues a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for comment by the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies as well as by the public. After the NRC considers these DEIS comments, the agency issues a final environmental impact statement (FEIS). The FEIS addresses the DEIS comments and documents the NRC staff's comprehensive review and the environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a NPP facility at the proposed location.

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), an independent group that provides advice on reactor safety to the five-member Commission, reviews all COL applications as well as the NRC staff's safety evaluations of these applications. When the ACRS has completed its review, it submits the results in a report to the Commission via a letter to the Chairman of the NRC. In addition, the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) requires that a public hearing be held before a COL is issued for a NPP.

After issuing a COL, the Commission authorizes operation of the facility only after verifying that the licensee has completed required inspections, tests, and analyses and that the acceptance criteria were met. At periodic intervals during construction, the NRC publishes notices of these

completions in the FR. Not less than 180 days before the date scheduled for initial loading of fuel, the NRC will publish a notice of intended operation of the facility in the FR. The notice shall provide an opportunity for a hearing for any person whose interest may be affected by the operation of the plant and who meets the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 52.103(b)(1) and (2).

Public participation is an important part of the new reactor licensing process. There are several opportunities for members of the public to inquire how the NRC will ensure the protection of public health and safety. Applicant and NRC documents are available to the public in the NRC's PDR and in ADAMS. The applicant's documentation and the NRC's SERs will also be made available on the NRC new reactor licensing web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html>). A number of public meetings are held by the NRC, and NRC evaluations, findings and recommendations are published when completed.

KEY MESSAGES

The key messages to be communicated through this plan are as follows:

- explain the NRC's role in reviewing COL applications
- update stakeholders on the status of the reviews
- clearly identify how and when all stakeholders may participate in the licensing process
- inform stakeholders of NRC's findings with respect to the safety and environmental reviews

AUDIENCE

The intended audience for this communication plan includes the following interested internal and external stakeholders:

Internal Stakeholders:

- Commission
- Office of the Executive Director for Operations
- Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
- Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs
- Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
- Office of New Reactors
- Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
- Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response
- Office of Congressional Affairs
- Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- Office of the General Counsel
- Office of Public Affairs
- Office Nuclear Reactor Research
- Regional Offices
- Committee to Review Generic Requirements
- Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

External Stakeholders:

- Applicant
- Federal, State, Tribal and Local Elected Officials
- Government Agencies
- Industry Groups
- Media
- General Public
- Public interest groups

The NRC staff will keep stakeholders informed of the status of major COL activities. The NRC staff will at a minimum inform stakeholders of the following:

- receipt of the COL application
- docketing of the COL application or if the COL application is deferred or not accepted
- opportunity to petition to intervene in the hearing
- completion of COL application milestones include:
 - Safety Review:*
 - Phase 2 Safety Review (Issuance of SER with open items (OIs))
 - Phase 4 Safety Review (Advanced SER with no OIs)
 - Phase 6 Safety Review (FSER with no OIs)
 - Environmental Review:*
 - Phase 2 Environmental Review (DEIS)
 - Phase 4 Environmental Review (publication of FEIS)
- hearing*
- issuance of the COL

* DNRL PM to interface with OGC regarding hearing schedules and any potential delays to hearing schedules.

COMMUNICATION TEAM

Name & Organization	Phone Number	Role
Lead PM for COL, NRO/DNRL		Communication Team Leader/ DNRL Project Manager
Applicable BC, NRO/DNRL		DNRL Branch Chief
Environmental PM for COL, NRO/DSER		DSER Environmental PM
Applicable BC, NRO/DSER		DSER Branch Chief
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Applicable RSLO, Region X		State Liaison Officer
Applicable BC, NRR/DORL		Branch Chief
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NOTE: Due to the nature of this generic communication plan, the lead Project Manager for the applicable COL application will have the responsibility to develop its own contact list and maintain a separate service list. The information provided above should be used as applicable.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

The communication team will decide the specific tools that will best communicate the intended message, as well as what information stakeholders and the public want and need to know. With a variety of tools available, the specific ones chosen will add focus, clarity, and consistency to the messages communicated by the staff, both internally and externally. Each tool will convey the key messages about the proposed action.

Approval of a COL for a new reactor is considered high profile, includes complex actions, and is likely to involve not only communications with external stakeholders, but coordination with multiple internal (NRC office) stakeholders.

Internal and External E-mail

The communication team will inform appropriate internal and external stakeholders via email in accordance with the enclosed time lines (Enclosure 2).

Congressional Communications

Office of Congressional Affairs will coordinate all communication with Congress regarding the COL.

State and Tribal Stakeholders

The Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking in FSME, and the applicable region will communicate via email and NRC Press Releases with applicable State and Tribal stakeholders regarding the COL.

Local Officials and General Public

Local officials and general public will be informed of COL activities through the NRC public Web site and will have access to COL information in ADAMS. In addition, *Federal Register* notices (FRNs) will be issued for the acknowledgment of receipt of the COL application as well as for the acceptance for docketing of the COL application. The following website, <http://www.internal.nrc.gov/ADM/DAS/cag/notices/index.html> provides approved templates for various types of general notices; guidance for drafting and publishing notices; checklists of publication package requirements; links for tracking published NRC notices via The FR web site; staff contacts; and other useful information about preparing FRNs.

Press Releases and Media Interviews

Office of Public Affairs (OPA) will issue press releases covering activities related to the COL as appropriate. OPA will respond to any media inquiries.

COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES

Specific challenges may arise during the process of conveying the key messages to stakeholders and other interested parties. The following are some that may be encountered:

- Language barriers (e.g., non-English speaking and hearing impaired stakeholders)
- Accessibility (ADA and remoteness) to a public meeting place
- Availability of a public meeting place (size and type of facility)
- Weather (back-up plan required)
- Information dissemination (including web access)
- Availability of correspondence and information repository (e.g., local library)
- Lack of media coverage in remote areas (no local newspaper, radio, or television stations)

Such challenges, as they arise, would be addressed in site-specific communication plans.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Successes, as well as failures, on each aspect of the communication plan will be tracked (compiled and categorized) by the team leader and incorporated into a report that documents the 'lessons learned' during the licensing process. This report will be used as a reference for future licensing actions, as well as for briefing senior management.

UPDATES AND REVISIONS

The communication plan will be kept up-to-date, referred to routinely, as revised, as necessary.

LIST OF Q&As

A list of Q&As and frequently asked questions is presented in Enclosure 3.

COMMUNICATION TIME LINE SEQUENCE OF NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMBINED LICENSE REVIEW

The communication team will initiate the following notification sequence upon receipt of a COL application: press release announcing receipt and availability and issuance of FRN, status of or acceptance and docketing of a COL application,* issuance of a FRN regarding the opportunity for hearing, completion of Phase 2 safety review (issuance of SER with OIs), Phase 4 safety review (Advanced SER with no OIs), and Phase 6 safety review (issuance of the final safety evaluation report (FSER); and Phase 2 environmental review (issuance of DEIS) and Phase 4 environmental review (publication of FEIS):

Individuals/Organizations to Notify	Notified by	Time Sequence (notification method in parentheses)
NRO Office Director/Deputy Directors/Division Directors	NRO/DNRL: BC	time t<1 day (e-mail)
NRO Technical Assistants	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
OEDO Executive Director Communications Coordinator Regional Coordinator	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
Commission Commissioner TAs	OEDO: Communications Coordinator	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
FSME, NMSS, NRR, and RES Office Directors	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
OPA S. Burnell As applicable (RI, II, III, or IV)	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
ACRS, OGC, and Regions	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1day (e-mail)
Industry Applicant	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1day (e-mail)
NRO Appropriate Staff	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<2 days (e-mail)

*PM should fax acceptance letter to applicant once the letter has been signed and prior to issuance.
PM should notify OPA 5 days prior to docketing for the purpose of issuing Press Releases.

COMMUNICATION TIME LINE SEQUENCE OF NOTIFICATIONS FOR COMBINED LICENSE ISSUANCE

The communication team will initiate the following notification sequence for issuance of a COL:

Individuals/Organizations to Notify	Notified by	Time Sequence (notification method in parentheses)
FSME	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t - 7 days (e-mail) and time t=0 (e-mail)
ILB and OCA	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t - 7 days (e-mail) and time t=0 (e-mail)
NRO Office Director/Deputy Director/Division Directors	NRO/DNRL: Branch Chief	Time t<1 day (attend signing or e-mail)
OEDO Executive Director/Deputy Directors	NRO/DNRL: Branch Chief	Time t<1 day (e-mail or attend signing)
OEDO Communications Director Regional Coordinator	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
Commission Commissioner TAs	OEDO: Communications Coordinator	Time t<1 hour (e-mail)
FSME, NMSS, NRR, and RES Office Directors	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1day (e-mail)
OPA	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
Regional Public Affairs	OPA	Time t<1 hour (e-mail)
ACRS, OCFO, OGC, and Regions ACRS Coordinator Chief Financial Officer General Counsel	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 hour (e-mail)
NRO Organization Other staff supporting the reviews (NSIR, NRR, etc)	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail)
Industry Applicant Others as applicable	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t (attend signing)
Congressional Elected Officials (Senate Energy Committee and Oversight Committees)	OCA	Time t<2hrs (e-mail)
Federal Government Agencies DOE	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (attend signing or e-mail)
Applicable State and Tribal Officials	FSME/DILR	Time t<1day (e-mail or phone)
Local Elected Officials	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<1 day (e-mail or phone)
Media	OPA	Time t<1 hour (press release)
Interested Organizations and Advocacy Groups	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t<2 hours (e-mail)
Public availability via ADAMS	NRO/DNRL: Project Manager	Time t approximately 7 days of being loaded into ADAMS (change ADAMS profile) time t <7 days (post onto NRC public Web site when loaded into ADAMS)

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING
THE REVIEW AND ISSUANCE OF THE COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION**

Q1. What is a COL?

A1. A COL authorizes construction of a new nuclear facility, and once required inspections, tests, and analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC) are met, the operation of the facility is authorized by the Commission.

Q2. What is required by an applicant for such an application?

A2. The application for a COL for a new nuclear facility must include the design, environmental impacts, site safety, financial and technical qualifications, programs, ITAAC, and an final safety analysis report, which the NRC reviews.

Q3. How long does it take for a COL application to be approved?

A3. Generally, 60 days for acceptance reviews followed by a nominal 30-month detailed review and we allow for 12 months for the hearing process to be completed. Specific review schedules are developed for each application based on completeness and quality of the application and will be issued when the application is accepted for docketing.

Q4. What happens during the review process?

A4. The NRC staff reviews the documents to ensure that the application demonstrates conformance with the NRC's regulations for a COL and that there is reasonable assurance that the facility will be constructed and operated in conformity with the license, the provisions of the AEA, and the Commission's regulations. In addition, numerous public meetings are held at various stages of the review process. These meetings are held in the vicinity of the proposed site as well as at NRC headquarters. Compliance with the AEA, the National Environmental Policy Act, and NRC regulations is a requirement.

Q5. Does the NRC look at alternative energy sources during the review?

A5. The NRC staff does consider alternative energy sources as part of the environmental review process, to the extent that they are reasonable alternatives for meeting the goals of the applicant (e.g., base load power). The potential environmental impact of 'reasonable' alternatives is assessed in the environmental impact statement (EIS).

Q6. How is the public involved in the application review process?

A6. The public is involved in the application review process in several ways. One way is to participate in public meetings that are held at various stages of the application process. Some meetings will be held in the local area near the proposed new reactor site, while others are held at NRC regional or headquarter offices. Another way the public can

become involved is to review actual copies of the application and provide comments, including participation in the hearing process. In addition, the public can follow the progress of an application on the NRC external web site (www.nrc.gov).

- Q7. How can the public find out about upcoming meetings?
- A7. The simplest way for a member of the public to find out about upcoming meetings is to access the NRC external web site. Notices of local meetings may be mailed to citizen's groups, and civic and government leaders in the community, and advertised in local newspapers. Also, notices of opportunities for involvement are published in the *Federal Register*.
- Q8. Will an EIS be required?
- A8. Yes. The construction and operation of a new nuclear reactor is a major Federal action that could significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Such an action involves a matter that the Commission has determined should be covered by an EIS. Generally, this EIS is prepared by a team of NRC staff and consultants, and the NRC is ultimately responsible for the content and issuance of the EIS.
- Q9. Once an application is approved, how long is the license valid for?
- A9. New commercial nuclear reactors are licensed for up to 40 years by the NRC, based on the AEA and NRC regulations. Licenses may be renewed for an additional 20 years.
- Q10. What is the NRC's role once a license is issued?
- A10. Once a license is issued, the NRC's role is primarily one of oversight. Permanent on-site inspectors monitor construction and operation for the life of the facility. NRC inspectors ensure that the conditions of the license are carried out, and that the facility meets the codes, standards, and regulatory requirements. Inspections are performed on a continual basis, and the inspection results are documented, and are available to the public.
- Q11. What is an ESP, and how does it differ from a COL?
- A11. An ESP is used to resolve site safety, environmental protection, and emergency preparedness issues independent of the approval of a specific nuclear plant design. The ESP addresses site and environmental characteristics, and evaluates potential impediments to developing the site.
- Q12. If an EIS is prepared for an ESP, does another EIS have to be prepared for the COL application?
- A12. Yes. The EIS for the ESP may not address a specific nuclear plant design, and the bases for the NRC's conclusions may have changed from the time of the ESP issuance and its reference in a COL. Both ESPs and COLs are major Federal actions.

Q13. Does the public have an opportunity to participate in a hearing?

A13. Yes. The AEA requires that a public hearing be held before a COL is issued for a NPP. At the discretion of the Commission, the hearing may be conducted by a three-judge-panel of the ASLB or by the Commission itself. In addition to addressing uncontested issues, the hearing may also address contested issues if a petitioner has successfully submitted a contention that is admitted for hearing.

Q14. What are ITAAC?

A14. ITAAC are Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria that are used to verify that the as-built facility conforms to the Commission's regulations as articulated in the COL that was issued. When the ITAAC have been met, the Commission will approve operation of the completed facility.

Q15. How can the NRC promote the further development of nuclear facilities?

A15. The NRC does not promote the development of nuclear facilities. The nuclear industry and the utilities propose the use of nuclear energy. It is the function of the NRC to regulate the safe and secure use of nuclear energy, not to promote it.

Guidance on Posting New Reactor Status-Updated Information and Schedules of Each Project to the Office of New Reactors External Website

Background:

The NRO external website has been designed to include a separate section for COL applications <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>. Each of the COL applications will have its own page that will include a standardized template and will consist of the following sections: Project Overview, Reference Documents, Applicant Documents, Application Review Schedule (format of schedule provided on the following page), NRC Documents, Public Meetings, and Contacts.

Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the DNRL lead Project Manager (PM) to ensure that the NRO external webpage is maintained for his/her specific project(s). The initial population of the COL application webpage should take place immediately after the application has been placed into ADAMS. The DNRL PM should seek input from the DSER Environmental PMs to ensure that the environmental schedules are also updated. The updates should be made at least **monthly**. However, if there are any major status changes, the DNRL lead PM needs to provide more frequent updates, to ensure that the proper documents have been posted and that the schedule is kept up to date. In addition, **for major status changes, the DNRL lead PM should also issue an EDO Daily Note.**

Requirements to Submit a Web Request:

Instructions on how to submit web requests can be found at <http://nrr10.nrc.gov/NRO/how-do-i/webpage-requests.cfm>. Please email all web requests/updates directly to NROWebServices@nrc.gov with a cc to the DNRL Technical Assistant.

**REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR THE [NAME OF COMPANY] APPLICATION FOR THE COMBINED
LICENSE FOR [NAME OF PLANT OR SITE NAME]**

Key Milestones	Target Date	Actual Date
Receive COL application		
Issue applicant letter announcing receipt and availability		
<i>Federal Register</i> Notice (FRN) published for receipt and availability		
Start of acceptance review		
Issue applicant letter of acceptance of the application for docketing		
FRN published announcing acceptance		
FRN published for hearing and opportunity to petition for leave to intervene		
<i>Safety Review</i>		
Safety requests for additional information (RAIs) issued to applicant		
Applicant submits response to safety RAIs		
Safety evaluation report (SER) with Open Items issued		
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with Open Items		
ACRS full committee meeting on SER with Open Items		
ACRS interim letter to Commission		
Applicant submits responses to SER with Open Items		
SER with no Open Items issued for ACRS review		
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with no Open Items		
ACRS full committee meeting on SER with no Open Items		
ACRS letter to Commission		
Final SER issued		
<i>Environmental Review</i>		
FRN Published for Notice of Intent (Environmental Scoping Process)		
Environmental Site Audit		
Public Environmental Scoping Meeting		
Environmental Requests for Additional Information issued to Applicant		
Applicant Submits Responses to Environmental RAIs		
Draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to EPA, Issue Notice of Availability		
Public meeting to discuss draft EIS		

End of draft EIS comment period		
Final EIS issued to EPA/Issue Notice of Availability		
Commission or ASLB hold mandatory hearing		
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) initial decision		
Commission decision on issuance of [Applicant name] COL application		

Guidance on Developing and Posting Project Status Reports to the Internal NRO Webpage

Background:

In order to keep the Commission, EDO, and SES management informed of the review status of the new reactor projects (ESP, DC, or COL applications), DNRL has committed to provide project status reports that are to be updated on a *monthly* basis and posted on the internal NRO webpage.

Responsibility and Process for Developing Project Status:

It is the responsibility of the lead DNRL Project Manager (PM) to develop a project status report for his/her project once the application is found acceptable for docketing.

The project status reports are to include the following sections, as applicable: General Information (Design, Application Type, Location, Docket Date, Review Completion Date - original and current), EPM Summary (Current Review Phase(s), Current Phase Completion Dates, and Current, Critical Path and Near Critical Path Tasks), Resource Management (NPLS to provide Earned Value Curves), and Project Risks (table that provides any project risks that could potentially cause a delay to the schedule) and Schedule Impacts.

A generic template for the project status reports is provided on the following page. Also, please see the following link <http://nrr10.nrc.gov/NRO/new-rx-status/status-reports/2008/index.cfm> to view sample project status reports for the various types of new reactor applications.

Upon docketing of a new reactor application, the DNRL lead PM shall develop a project status report and update it, monthly, following these steps:

1. Obtain project risk input from the DSER Environmental PM for the project status reports.
2. Obtain Projects Branch Chief concurrence.
3. Email the project status report to the OGC mailroom (Kristy Remsburg) and to the DNRL TA with a cc to the applicable OGC Case Attorney so that he/she can review to ensure that we are in compliance with 10 CFR 2.348. Two separate reports will be published if there is information that needs to be included in the status report and would violate 10 CFR 2.348 if included in the more widely available report.
4. Once OGC's concurrence has been obtained, then the DNRL lead PM shall email the project status report to NROWebServices for posting onto the NRO internal webpage.

New and updated project status reports need to be posted by the 1st work day of the month. In order for this to happen, the DNRL lead PMs should provide their project status reports to the OGC mailroom (Kristi Remsburg) with a cc to the applicable OGC Case Attorney and the DNRL TA at least 3 days prior to the end of the month. Where there is a major status change, updates should be made on a more frequent basis. In addition, an EDO Daily Note should be issued to communicate any major status changes.

NAME OF PROJECT (e.g., CALVERT CLIFFS COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION)

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Date:

General Information

Design: e.g., EPR; N/A for DCs and ESPs
Application Type: Reference or Subsequent COL; N/A for DCs and ESP
Location: Scottsboro, AL; N/A (for DCs)
Docket Date: Date; N/A for acceptance review period
Review Completion Date:
 Original: Date
 Current: Date – brief statement if different

EPM Summary

Current Review Phase: e.g., Acceptance Review, SER w/Open Items

Current Phase Completion Dates:

 Original: Date
 Current: Date – brief statement if different

Current, Critical Path and near Critical Path Task(s)

 This would be a table of task & status (EPM hours-estimated/current, task status, annotation if necessary to put in context). Float days original and current of current phase and overall

Resource Management

[NPLS to provide] Earned value information/ratios + brief statement if necessary
Include cumulative EV curves as attachment

If we include the EV info we wouldn't need items like "original estimate review hours, current estimate review hours, original estimate contract support, current ... support, actual hours, actual contract support"

Project Risks

This is where summary (table format, item + brief description, date when resolution needed?) of top issues (technical, process, resource, legal) that we are currently dealing with or, even better, potentially over the horizon. This should include internal and external project risks.

Schedule Changes

Level 3
Level 2
Level 1

[Name of Company Representative]
[Title]
[Name of Company]
[Address]
[City, State Zip Code]

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION FOR [NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OR SITE NAME] AND
ASSOCIATED FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

Dear [Mr./Ms.] [Name of Company Representative]:

On [date], you tendered a combined license application (COLA) for [#] [type of reactor design] (acronym of design) to be located at [site location and County, State]. [This/These proposed plant[s] is/are] to be designated [nuclear power plant or site name] (plant or site name acronym).

In an [date], letter you stated that you were submitting the COLA pursuant to the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," Subpart C, "Combined Licenses," and that the application incorporates, by reference, the [Advanced Boiling Water Reactor design approved by the NRC in Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 52.]

The NRC staff acknowledges receipt of your application and plans to complete an acceptance review of the application. If the staff finds your application to be acceptable, we will docket the application. The staff plans to make its determination on acceptability for docketing by [Date]. To the extent possible, the staff will communicate with you as issues arise during the acceptance review.

Enclosed is the notice that will be forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register to inform the public of receipt and availability of the subject application.

[First Initial and Last Name of Rep.]

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If your application is found to be acceptable, the NRC staff will publish a schedule for review of the [plant or site name acronym] COLA within 30 days of completion of the acceptance review. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (301) 415-xxxx or by email at xxx@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name], Project Manager
[Branch Name]
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

Project No. xxx

Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice

cc w/encl: See next page

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NAME OF APPLICANT]

NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND AVAILABILITY OF
APPLICATION FOR A COMBINED LICENSE

On [date], [as supplemented by letter(s) dated], [Applicant] ([applicant acronym]) filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," an application for a combined license (COL) for [#] [design type] nuclear power plant[s] at the [site location] located in [County, State]. The reactors are to be identified as [Nuclear Power Plant or Site Name].

An applicant may seek a COL in accordance with Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52. The information submitted by the applicant includes certain administrative information such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to [10 CFR 52.77], as well as technical information submitted pursuant to [10 CFR 52.79].

Subsequent *Federal Register* notices will address the acceptability of the tendered COL application for docketing and provisions for participation of the public in the COL review process.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and via the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at

the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession number for the application is [MLxxxxxxxx]. Future publicly available documents related to the application will also be posted in ADAMS. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this [number] day of [Month Year].

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Insert Name], Project Manager
[Branch Name]
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

[Name of Company Representative]
[Title]
[Name of Company]
[Address]
[City, State Zip Code]

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW FOR COMBINED LICENSE FOR [NAME OF PLANT
OR SITE NAME] APPLICATION

Dear [Mr./Ms. Last Name of Company Representative]:

By letter dated [Date], [as supplemented by letter(s) dated [date(s)], [Name of Applicant (Applicant acronym)] submitted its application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for [number of units and reactor design type, e.g., two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors] in accordance with the requirements contained in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants." This letter informs you that the NRC staff has completed its acceptance review and has determined that your application is acceptable for docketing. These reactors will be identified as [Name of plant] and are to be located at [site location and County, State]. The Docket Number[s] established for [Units x and x] are [docket nos., respectively].

As stated in the [date], letter acknowledging the receipt of the [Name of plant] application, the staff intends to publish a schedule for review of the [Name of plant] combined license application (COLA) within 30 days of completion of the acceptance review. The staff expects to interact with you as this schedule is developed and has identified [number] areas that have introduced uncertainty into the review schedule. These areas are [(1) include each area, (2) etc., and provide discussion of each area below or in separate attachment].

The enclosed notice of acceptance for docketing has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register and a separate notice will be published, in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.104, regarding the opportunity to file a petition for leave to intervene in the mandatory hearing required for this application.

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Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, I can be reached at [301-415-xxxx] or e-mail address of xxx@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name], Project Manager
[Branch Name]
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

Docket No[s].

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[APPLICANT NAME]

ACCEPTANCE FOR DOCKETING OF AN APPLICATION FOR

COMBINED LICENSE FOR [NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OR SITE NAME]

[DOCKET NO[S].]

By letter dated [Date], as supplemented by letters dated [Dates], [Applicant Name (Acronym)], submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for [number of units and reactor design type, e.g., two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors] in accordance with the requirements contained in 10 CFR 52, "Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants." These reactors will be identified as [Name of plant] and are to be located at [site location and County, State]. A notice of receipt and availability of this application was previously published in the *Federal Register* (XX FR XXXXX) on [Date].

The NRC staff has determined that [Acronym of Applicant Name] has submitted information in accordance with 10 CFR Part 2, "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," and 10 CFR Part 52 that is acceptable for docketing. The Docket Number[s] established for [Units x and x] are [docket nos., respectively].

The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of the application. Docketing of the application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application. The Commission will conduct a hearing in accordance with Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for NRC Adjudications," of 10 CFR Part 2 and will receive a report

on the COL application from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in accordance with 10 CFR 52.87, "Referral to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)." If the Commission finds that the COL application meets the applicable standards of the Atomic Energy Act and the Commission's regulations, and that required notifications to other agencies and bodies have been made, the Commission will issue a COL, in the form and containing conditions and limitations that the Commission finds appropriate and necessary.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, the Commission will also prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.26, and as part of the environmental scoping process, the staff intends to hold a public scoping meeting. Detailed information regarding this meeting will be included in a future *Federal Register* notice.

Finally, the Commission will announce in a future *Federal Register* notice the opportunity to petition for leave to intervene in the hearing required for this application by 10 CFR 52.85.

Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and will be accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this [Day] day of [Month Year].

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Name], Project Manager
[Branch Name]
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION TO INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: [NAME OF APPLICANT] - [ISSUANCE OF/RECEIPT OF/DOCKETING OF/COMPLETION OF THE PHASE ONE REVIEW OF/COMPLETION OF THE PHASE TWO REVIEW OF/MEETING OF THE ACRS ON/PUBLICATION OF THE SER FOR/PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT EIS/FEIS FOR/NOTIFICATION OF HEARING ON/ISSUANCE OF] THE COMBINED LICENSE FOR [NAME OF PLANT]

This notice is being sent to interested internal stakeholders to announce the [insert appropriate subject] of the COL for the [name of plant] located [plant location]. The relevant information is available at Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. [MLxxxxxxxxx].

[The COL application and information specific to this application will also be publicly available through the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/COL/xxx.html>.]

Questions regarding the [name of plant] COL should be addressed to [Lead PM], Office of New Reactors, by e-mail xxx@nrc.gov or by telephone at (301) 415-xxxx.

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION TO EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: [NAME OF APPLICANT] - [ISSUANCE OF/RECEIPT OF/DOCKETING OF/COMPLETION OF THE PHASE ONE REVIEW OF/COMPLETION OF THE PHASE TWO REVIEW OF/MEETING OF THE ACRS ON/PUBLICATION OF THE SER FOR/PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT EIS/FEIS FOR/NOTIFICATION OF HEARING ON/ISSUANCE OF] THE COMBINED LICENSE FOR [NAME OF PLANT]

This notice is being sent to interested external stakeholders to announce the [insert appropriate subject] of the COL for the [name of plant] located [plant location]. The relevant information is available at Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession (ADAMS) No. [MLxxxxxxxxx].

The NRC maintains the ADAMS electronic filing system, which provides text and image files of NRC public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or have problems accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's Public Document Room staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or pdr@nrc.gov. [The COL application and information specific to this application will also be publicly available through the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/xxx.html>.]

Questions regarding the [name of plant] COL should be addressed to [Lead PM], Office of New Reactors, by e-mail xxx@nrc.gov or by telephone at (301) 415-xxxx.

[Name of Company Representative]
[Title]
[Name of Company]
[Address]
[City, State Zip Code]

SUBJECT: [NAME OF COMPANY] - OPPORTUNITY TO PETITION FOR LEAVE TO
INTERVENE AND ASSOCIATED FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

Dear XXXX:

By letter dated XXXX, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission informed you that we had docketed your combined license application for [Site Name]. In that letter we also informed you that a notice would be published, in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.104, regarding the opportunity to file a petition for leave to intervene in the mandatory hearing required for this application.

Enclosed is a copy of that notice. The notice is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (301) 415-XXXX or xxxx@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name], Project Manager
[Branch Name]
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NAME OF APPLICANT]

NOTICE OF HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

ON A COMBINED LICENSE FOR THE [NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OR SITE NAME]

[DOCKET NO[S].]

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," and 10 CFR Part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held, at a time and place to be set in the future by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) or designated by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board). The hearing will consider the application dated [Date], filed by [Name of Applicant], pursuant to Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52 for a combined license (COL). The application [which was supplemented by, if applicable] requests approval of a COL for [Plant Name] located in [Location]. The application was accepted for docketing on [Date]. The docket number[s] established for this application are [#].

The hearing will be conducted by a Board that will be designated by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel or by the Commission. Notice as to the membership of the Board will be published in the *Federal Register* at a later date. The NRC staff will complete a detailed technical review of the application and will document its findings in a safety evaluation report. The Commission will refer a copy of the application to the Advisory

Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) in accordance with 10 CFR 52.87, "Referral to the ACRS," and the ACRS will report on those portions of the application that concern safety.

Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and desire to participate as a party to this proceeding, must file a written petition for leave to intervene in accordance with 10 CFR 2.309. A petition to intervene must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. Non-timely filings will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, or Board designated to rule on the petition, pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 2.309(c)(i)-(viii).

A petition to intervene must be filed in accordance with the NRC E-Filing rule, which the NRC promulgated in August 2007 (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007). The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve documents over the internet or in some cases to mail copies on electronic storage media. Participants may not submit paper copies of their filings unless they seek a waiver in accordance with the procedures described below.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 5 days prior to the filing deadline, the petitioner must contact the Office of the Secretary by e-mail at HearingDocket@nrc.gov, or by calling (301) 415-1677, to request (1) a digital ID certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign documents and access the E-Submittal server for any proceeding in which it is participating; and/or (2) creation of an electronic docket for the proceeding (even in instances in which the petitioner (or its counsel or representative) already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Each participant will need to download the Workplace Forms Viewer™ to access the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE), a component of the E-Filing system. The Workplace Forms Viewer™ is free and is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/install-viewer.html>. Information

about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on NRC's public website at

<http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/apply-certificates.html>.

Once a participant has obtained a digital ID certificate, had a docket created, and downloaded the EIE viewer, it can then submit a petition for leave to intervene. Submissions should be in Portable Document Format (PDF) in accordance with NRC guidance available on the NRC public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. A filing is considered complete at the time the filer submits its documents through EIE. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the EIE system no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an e-mail notice confirming receipt of the document. The EIE system also distributes an e-mail notice that provides access to the document to the NRC Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the documents on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before a petition to intervene is filed so that they can obtain access to the document via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically may seek assistance through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html> or by calling the NRC technical help line, which is available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. The help line number is (800) 397-4209 or locally, (301) 415-4737.

Participants who believe that they have a good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file a motion, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted by: (1) first class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the

Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; or (2) courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service to the Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville, Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Participants filing a document in this manner are responsible for serving the document on all other participants. Filing is considered complete by first-class mail as of the time of deposit in the mail, or by courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service upon depositing the document with the provider of the service.

Non-timely requests and/or petitions and contentions will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer, or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted and/or the contentions should be admitted based on a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i)-(viii). To be timely, filings must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in NRC's electronic hearing docket which is available to the public at http://ehd.nrc.gov/EHD_Proceeding/home.asp, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the Commission, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, or a Presiding Officer. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information, such as social security numbers, home addresses, or home phone numbers in their filings. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, Participants are requested not to include copyrighted materials in their submission.

A person who is not a party may be permitted to make a limited appearance by making an oral or written statement of his position on the issues at any session of the hearing or any

pre-hearing conference within the limits and conditions fixed by the presiding officer, but may not otherwise participate in the proceeding.

Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and will be accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>. The ADAMS accession number for the application is [ML#]. [The ADAMS accession numbers for the supplements to the application are [ML#]].

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this [Day] day of [Month] [Year].

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission