

January 26, 2009

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND CONDUCT SCOPING RELATED TO A COMBINED
LICENSE FOR NINE MILE POINT 3 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Gibson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application by letter dated September 30, 2008, from Nine Mile Point 3 Nuclear Project, LLC, and Unistar Nuclear Operating Services, LLC, for a combined license (COL) for the Nine Mile Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant (NMP3NPP). In support of the application and in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Parts 51 and 52, Nine Mile Point 3 Nuclear Project, LLC, and Unistar Nuclear Operating Services, LLC submitted an Environmental Report (ER).

The NRC has prepared a notice of intent (NOI) that advises the public that the NRC intends to gather information necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in support of the review of the application for the NMP3NPP COL. Enclosed is a copy of the NOI which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.28, you are invited to participate in the environmental scoping process. As discussed in the enclosed notice, the NRC is providing the public with the opportunity to participate in two environmental scoping meetings to be held February 25, 2009. The first meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. and will continue until approximately 4:00 p.m. The second meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m., with a repetition of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until approximately 9:00 p.m. February 26, 2009 has been scheduled as an alternate date in the event that the university is closed on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 due to inclement weather. The determination to close the campus is made by the Governor of New York. Information on campus closure can be found on the following website: http://www.oswego.edu/administration/public_affairs/emergency/snow/cancellations.html under the subheading Campus Closing. The NRC will present an overview of the environmental review process and will describe how the process will be implemented for the review of the NMP3NPP COL application. The meetings will be held at the Sheldon Hall, SUNY-Oswego, 7060 Route 104, Oswego, NY 13126. A separate NRC meeting notice with a more detailed agenda is forthcoming.

Additionally, NRC staff and contractors plan to conduct site visits at the alternative sites (Somerset, Ginna, and Blenheim-Gilboa facilities) from March 16 – 20, 2009 and conduct a site audit during the week of March 30 – April 3, 2009.

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Additional details regarding the site visit will be provided to your staff before the visit. In the interim, should you have any questions regarding the scoping meetings or the environmental review, please contact Mr. Philip Brandt, Project Manager for the environmental review, at (301) 415-3550 or via e-mail at Philip.Brandt@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Robert Schaaf, Branch Chief
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