

February 04, 2009

Colonel David C. Press, Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Omaha District
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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
REVIEW

Dear Colonel Press:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) is reviewing an application submitted by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), for the renewal of the operating license for Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS), which is located in Nemaha County, Nebraska (NE), on the west bank of the Missouri River at river mile 532.5. The Village of Brownville, NE is located approximately 2.25 miles northwest of the site, and Lincoln, NE is located approximately 60 miles west northwest of the site. As part of the review of the license renewal application (LRA), the NRC is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) under the provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51), the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

CNS is requesting the renewal of its operating license for a period of 20 years beyond the expiration of the current license term, renewing the license until January 18, 2034. The proposed action would include the use and continued maintenance of existing plant facilities and transmission lines; CNS does not plan to construct or alter any facilities associated with the plant during the period of extended operation.

The NRC staff plans to hold two identical public meetings covering the license renewal and environmental scoping process on February 25, 2009. The first session will be held at the Brownville Concert Hall at 126 Atlantic St., Brownville, NE 68321 telephone 402-825-3331, and will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session will be held at the Auburn Senior Center at 1101 J St., Auburn, NE 68305, telephone 402-274 3420, and will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. In addition, during the week of March 30, 2009 the NRC plans to conduct a site audit. You and your staff are invited to attend both the site audit and the public meetings. Your office will receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments. The anticipated publication date for the draft SEIS is December 2009.

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If you have any questions concerning the NRC staff's review of this license renewal application, please contact NRC's Project Managers, Tam Tran, by telephone, 1-800-368-5642, extension 3617, or by email to the NRC at tam.tran@nrc.gov, or Emmanuel Sayoc, by telephone, 1-800-368-5642, extension 1924, or by email to the NRC at emmanuel.sayoc@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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