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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT IN COOPER NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION; MEETING FEB. 25 IN NEBRASKA

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold two public meetings on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Brownsville and Auburn, Neb., to discuss the agency's safety review and environmental scoping process for the Cooper Nuclear Station license renewal application.

The Cooper plant's single boiling-water reactor is located 23 miles south of Nebraska City, Neb. The current operating license expires Jan. 18, 2014. The plant's owner, the Nebraska Public Power District, submitted the application Sept. 30, 2008.

"There will be several opportunities for public participation during the course of our evaluation of the license renewal application. This is one such opportunity," said David Pelton, a branch chief in the NRC's Division of License Renewal. "All comments we receive will be considered as we move forward with our review."

The first session will be held from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Brownville Concert Hall, 126 Atlantic St. in Brownville, Neb.; the second session will be held from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Auburn Senior Center, 1101 J St. in Auburn, Neb.

Both sessions will start with an NRC presentation on the agency's process for reviewing license renewal applications. Following the presentation, audience members may offer their comments on issues they consider worthy as the agency reviews the Cooper application.

The application is available on the NRC Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/cooper.html> and in ADAMS (Accession Number ML083030227). A copy is also available at the Auburn Memorial Library, 1810 Court House Ave., Auburn, Neb.

Members of the public may register to present oral comments at this meeting by Feb. 18 by contacting Tam Tran, at (800) 368-5642, ext. 3617, or by email at Tam.Tran@nrc.gov, or Emmanuel Sayoc, at (800) 368-5642, ext. 1924, or by email at Emmanuel.Sayoc@nrc.gov. Those who wish to make comments may also register at the meeting within 15 minutes of the

start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Those with special needs should contact Mr. Tran or Mr. Sayoc at the telephone or email address above no later than Feb. 18.

Additional information on the license renewal process is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/license-renewal-bg.html> and <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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