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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL
SCOPING FOR THE NINE MILE POINT UNIT 3 COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff conducted two environmental scoping meetings (afternoon and evening sessions) related to the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Nine Mile Point Unit 3 (NMP3) combined license (COL) application submitted by Nine Mile Point 3 Nuclear Project, LLC and Unistar Nuclear Operating Services LLC (Unistar). The meetings were held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at Sheldon Hall, SUNY-Oswego in Oswego, New York. The afternoon session was conducted in the NRC's traditional format which included a short presentation by NRC staff followed by public comments. The entire afternoon session was transcribed. It was preceded by a 1-hour open house. The evening session was conducted using an open-house format. A court reporter was present at the evening session to transcribe oral comments on environmental issues on the proposed scope of the environmental review. Approximately 70 people attended the afternoon session, and about 60 people attended the evening session. The participants included members of the NRC staff, NRC contactors from Argonne National Laboratory, New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) staff, members of the public, representatives from Unistar, local news media, and local government officials. Public comments addressed job creation, traffic, fogging related to cooling towers, and toxic releases into Lake Ontario among other topics.

The purpose of the meetings was to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process by providing comments on any issues that the NRC staff should consider while preparing an EIS for NMP3. During the afternoon session, the NRC staff presentation outlined the overall licensing process under 10 CFR Part 52; provided a description of the NRC's environmental review process; discussed the environmental requirements under 10 CFR Part 51, and addressed how these requirements would be implemented during the NMP3 COL review. New York DEC staff provided a description of the State of New York's State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for NMP3. During the evening open-house formatted session, multiple NRC staff members gave informal table-side presentations to small groups, covering the following subject areas: NRC new reactor licensing process, the preparation and

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content of a typical Environmental Impact Statement for new reactors; new reactor environmental review topics including hydrology, aquatic and terrestrial ecology, radiation health, and socioeconomics; broad aspects of the safety and emergency preparedness reviews; and the NRC oversight program for existing reactors. New York DEC staff was also present to discuss the SEQR process. The informal nature of the evening session allowed for a large amount of one-to-one interactions between NRC staff and members of the public.

Lists of attendees for the meetings are provided in Enclosure 1. Enclosure 2 is a copy of the public meeting notice. Enclosure 3 is a copy of the formal presentation from the afternoon session. Enclosure 4 is copies of the handouts from the evening session. The official corrected transcripts for the meetings, including written comments submitted during the meetings, are available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) under accession numbers ML091800390 (afternoon session) and ML091800387 (evening session). All comments received during the scoping period for the NMP3 environmental review are available through the ADAMS and will be summarized in a scoping summary report that will be issued in November 2009. The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> on the NRC website. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4737 or via e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

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