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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

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DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER

Regarding the Renewal of Facility Operating  
License for a 20-Year Period

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 22, 2009

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The above-entitled matter commenced pursuant to Notice before Maurice Heath, Project Manager at 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233, on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

NRC STAFF:

Maurice Heath - Project Manager

Charles Eccleston

Scott Burnell

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(7:00 P.M.)

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3 MR. HEATH: Thanks for coming out this  
4 evening. Some of you were here this afternoon.  
5 Thanks for that too. Welcome to the NRC's license  
6 renewal process meeting and environmental scoping  
7 for Duane Arnold Energy Center license renewal  
8 application.

9 My name is Maurice Heath and I'm a  
10 Project Manager at the NRC, and I'll be the  
11 facilitator for this meeting.

12 The purpose of this evening's meeting is  
13 to provide you with an opportunity to give your  
14 comments on what the environmental issues the NRC  
15 should consider during its review of the Duane  
16 Arnold Energy Center's license renewal application.

17 The meeting will essentially have two parts. First  
18 we'll have a presentation by myself and Mr. Charles  
19 Eccleston on the license renewal process and also  
20 the environmental review process.

21 Now, I know most of you came through  
22 this door. On the opposite side of the room we have  
23 a table that has sign in sheets and we ask that  
24 everybody sign in. We have a sheet for anybody who

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1 wants to make comments, so if you would like to make  
2 comments at that portion of the meeting, I ask that  
3 you sign that. If you didn't and want to make  
4 comments that's fine, you can do so, but before you  
5 leave I'm just asking that you sign in so we can  
6 keep a record because we are transcribing this  
7 meeting.

8 And also on the table are public  
9 feedback forms, so you can just fill one out now or  
10 later. You can just drop it in the mail. You don't  
11 need any postage and those will actually come to me  
12 so we'll make sure that we get the feedback on our  
13 meetings and see if there's any improvement that we  
14 can make.

15 One other note before we get started,  
16 since we are transcribing the meeting we would like  
17 to make sure everybody can take their cell phones  
18 out and put it on silence, if you don't mind, or  
19 vibrate, and also any pagers you might have.

20 Also, at the portion where we have the  
21 comments, the comment period towards the end of the  
22 meeting, we're going to have a microphone for anyone  
23 who makes a comment. And when you do that, I would  
24 like for you to first state your name and then spell

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1 it for the transcriber so it's accurate on the  
2 record. And also, just try to speak clearly into  
3 the mike so we can get that on the record.

4 Now with that being said over the  
5 beginning, I would like to start the presentation.  
6 Like I said, my name is Maurice Heath and I'll be  
7 doing the first part which will be describing the  
8 license renewal process. And Mr. Charles Eccleston,  
9 he is the Environmental Project Manager for this,  
10 and he will be going over the environmental review  
11 process and the scoping portion.

12 Now, I will provide a license renewal  
13 review process which is, I will have a general and a  
14 detailed discussion on it, but basically we'll go  
15 over the high level safety environmental review  
16 first. But I just want to emphasize that the most  
17 important thing in the meeting tonight is to take  
18 the comments in from the public. So we want to try  
19 to keep the presentation portion short so we can  
20 allow time for the public to give us comments on the  
21 environmental.

22 At the end of the meeting we'll give you  
23 information on it if you don't want to submit  
24 comments today, that you'll be able to submit it in

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1 the future by writing us or e-mail, and  
2 instructions, we'll go over that later in the  
3 presentation.

4 Before I get into the discussion of the  
5 license renewal process, I just want to take a  
6 minute to talk about the NRC, what we do and what's  
7 our mission. The NRC is a federal agency  
8 established in the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974  
9 and it regulates the civilian use of nuclear  
10 material. The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 authorized  
11 the NRC to grant a 40 year license for nuclear power  
12 reactors. The 40 year term is based on economic  
13 considerations and antitrust factors and not on  
14 safety or technical limitations. The Atomic Energy  
15 Act also allows for license renewal.

16 Now, the National Environmental Policy  
17 Act of 1969, otherwise known as NEPA, established a  
18 national policy that requires federal decision  
19 makers to assess and consider the impacts and  
20 alternatives to a proposal before reaching a final  
21 decision to pursue an action. As a matter of  
22 policy, the NRC has determined that the reactor  
23 license renewal constitutes a major federal action  
24 for which an Environmental Impact Statement needs to

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1 be prepared.

2 The NRC's regulations governing nuclear  
3 safety, security and environmental protection are  
4 contained in Title 10 of the Code of Federal  
5 Regulations, which is commonly referred to as 10  
6 CFR. Exercising the regulatory authority, the NRC's  
7 mission is threefold: to insure adequate protection  
8 of public health and safety; promote common defense  
9 and security; and to protect the environment.

10 The NRC accomplishes its mission through  
11 a combination of regulatory programs and processes  
12 such as establishing rules and regulations,  
13 conducting inspections, issuing enforcement actions,  
14 assessing licensee performance, and evaluating  
15 operating experience for nuclear plants in this  
16 country and internationally.

17 The NRC has resident inspectors at all  
18 operating nuclear power plants. These inspectors  
19 are considered the eyes and ears of the NRC. They  
20 carry out our safety mission on a daily basis and  
21 are on the front lines of insuring adequate safety  
22 performance and compliance with regulatory  
23 requirements.

24 Now, with Duane Arnold, as you see the

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1 license expiration date is February 21st, 2014 when  
2 their current term expires. Their license renewal  
3 was submitted to us on October 1st, 2008.

4 Now, the contents of the application  
5 include the general information such as applicant's  
6 name, address, business and administrative  
7 information; technical information pertaining to the  
8 aging management and this is the focus of the status  
9 safety review; technical specifications which define  
10 the operating parameters of the plant. The  
11 application indicates what, if any, changes or  
12 additions to the technical specifications are  
13 necessary to manage the effect of aging during the  
14 period of extended operation.

15 And last but not least is the  
16 Environmental Report, which is the applicant's  
17 assessment of the environmental impacts of continued  
18 operation. This information serves as a starting  
19 point for the status environmental review and  
20 preparation of the EIS.

21 Now, as I said before there are two  
22 parallel reviews. One is the safety review and one  
23 is the environmental review. Now, the safety review  
24 focuses on aging effects of passive and long lived

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1 components and structures that the NRC deems  
2 important to plant safety. The staff's main  
3 objective is to determine whether the effects of  
4 aging will be adequately managed by the applicant.  
5 The review also considers generic and site-specific  
6 operating experience related to the effects of  
7 aging. The results of the safety review are  
8 documented in the Safety Evaluation Report, or SER  
9 as it's referred to.

10 Now, for the environmental review, the  
11 NRC evaluates the environmental impacts of continued  
12 plant operations for an additional 20 years. The  
13 NRC prepares an Environmental Impact Statement which  
14 publicly discloses these impacts.

15 The EIS evaluates impacts of other  
16 reasonable alternatives to license renewal. The  
17 public is afforded an opportunity to provide  
18 comments and input which help shape the scope of the  
19 EIS analysis. The public is also afforded the  
20 opportunity to comment on the accuracy of the draft  
21 EIS. The goal is to provide the decision makers  
22 with sufficient environmental information so that  
23 they can make a reasoned choice between the proposal  
24 of license renewal and reasonable alternatives.

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1           Now, I just want to go over three areas  
2 that usually come up in public meetings that are  
3 considered outside the scope of license renewal,  
4 meaning that they get ongoing oversight and there  
5 are ongoing regulatory oversights during the current  
6 operating term. These are emergency planning,  
7 security and current safety performance as defined  
8 by NRC inspection findings, violations and general  
9 assessment and planning performance. Now, for  
10 specific performance at Duane Arnold we have a  
11 website listed below, and it's also in your  
12 handouts. And if you want to go to that site it  
13 will bring up their current performance, and that's  
14 on our website. Now, this diagram  
15 illustrates the safety and the environmental review  
16 path, and it also features two other considerations  
17 on the commission's decision on whether or not to  
18 renew an operating term. One of these  
19 considerations is the independent review performed  
20 by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards,  
21 which is called ACRS. Now, statutorily mandated by  
22 the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the ACRS is a group  
23 of scientists and nuclear safety experts who serve  
24 as a consulting body to the commission. The ACRS

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1 reviews the license renewal application and the  
2 status Safety Evaluation Report. The ACRS reports  
3 their findings and recommendations straight to the  
4 commission.

5 Also are hearings. Now, interested  
6 stakeholders may submit concerns or contentions and  
7 request a hearing. An adjudicatory panel from the  
8 Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will be  
9 established to review contentions for admissibility.

10 If a hearing is granted the commission considers  
11 the outcome of the hearing process in its decision  
12 on whether or not to issue a renewed operating  
13 license.

14 Now, I want to describe the license  
15 renewal review process in a little more detail. The  
16 regulations governing license renewal are based on  
17 two guiding principles. To effectively communicate  
18 these principles I need to describe a concept used  
19 by the NRC, and that concept is licensing basis.

20 Now, licensing basis consists of a wide  
21 range of design and operational requirements and  
22 conditions that must be met for the plant to comply  
23 with its operating license. It serves as the basis  
24 upon which the NRC originally licensed the plant.

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1 To continue to operate the plant, it must conform  
2 with its licensing basis.

3 I mentioned two principles. The first  
4 principle is that the current regulatory process is  
5 adequate to insure that the licensing basis of all  
6 operating plants provide and maintain an acceptable  
7 level of safety. The second principle is that the  
8 current plant's extending licensing basis must be  
9 maintained during the renewal term in the same  
10 manner and to the same extent as during the original  
11 license term. In other words, the same rules apply.

12 Rules that applied under the current license will  
13 apply in the renewal term.

14 In addition, a renewed license will  
15 include conditions that must be met to insure aging  
16 of structures and components important to safety are  
17 adequately managed so that the plant's current  
18 licensing basis is maintained during the period of  
19 extended operation.

20 Now, the safety review is a rigorous  
21 process. The review entails with the applicant's  
22 license renewal application and supporting  
23 documentation. This review includes an evaluation  
24 of new and existing programs and surveillance

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1 activities to determine with reasonable assurance  
2 that the effects of aging for certain plant  
3 structures and components will be adequately managed  
4 or monitored.

5 The safety review also includes site  
6 audits to verify technical basis of the license  
7 renewal application and to confirm the applicant's  
8 aging management programs and activities conform  
9 with how they described them in the application.  
10 The staff documents the basis of the conclusion and  
11 it's in the Safety Evaluation Report which is  
12 publicly available. In addition, a team of  
13 specialized inspectors travels to the reactor site  
14 to verify the aging management programs are being  
15 implemented, modified or planned consistent with the  
16 license renewal application.

17 Finally, I'll mention the Advisory  
18 Committee on Reactor Safeguards, or ACRS, performs  
19 an independent review of the license renewal  
20 application and the status Safety Evaluation Report  
21 and reports their findings to the commission.

22 Now with that, I want to turn it over to  
23 Mr. Charles Eccleston and he's going to go over the  
24 environmental review process and scoping.

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1 MR. ECCLESTON: Thank you, Maurice. My  
2 name is Charles Eccleston and I am the Environmental  
3 Project Manager for the proposal here, and what  
4 we're now going to turn our attention to is the  
5 environmental process, which is an integral part of  
6 making a decision with respect to this proposal.

7 The first thing I'd like to talk about  
8 is the National Environmental Policy Act. In 1969  
9 the United States Congress passed what would  
10 eventually become a historically significant act.  
11 It was the National Environmental Policy Act of  
12 1969. The policy does essentially two very  
13 important functions. It establishes the basic U.S.  
14 environmental policy, the basic U.S. environmental  
15 charter towards the environment. And also it  
16 requires preparation of an Environmental Impact  
17 Statement for major federal actions that may  
18 significantly affect the quality of the human  
19 environment.

20 Now, if you go back to the policy  
21 statement, it is of such importance that now over  
22 130 nations around the world have passed an act  
23 which basically emulates what the U.S. Congress  
24 passed in 1969. They have established their own

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1 environmental policy, so it has international  
2 importance. It's a historical landmark. Virtually  
3 every modern environmental law or regulation since  
4 1970 is an outgrowth of this policy statement that  
5 Congress passed. It put the direction and the  
6 pathway, all the other laws that followed, Clean  
7 Air, Clean Water, Endangered Species, the list goes  
8 on and on and on, were laws and regulations that  
9 basically fulfilled the basic environmental policy  
10 that was established by the U.S. Congress with  
11 respect to NEPA.

12 Now, like I said, NEPA requires  
13 preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for  
14 major federal actions significantly affecting the  
15 quality of the human environment. Now, the NRC has  
16 come out and the NRC has basically stated that  
17 license renewal projects are projects that require  
18 an EIS, which is why we are here today proposing to  
19 get input from you people in terms of the scope of  
20 this EIS which we are going to be preparing for this  
21 re-licensing project.

22 One of the things I want to point out is  
23 that NEPA requires, and it's very important. It  
24 requires an objective interdisciplinary and

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1 systematic process be used in preparing the EIS.

2 Now, what that basically means,  
3 objective, it has to be a scientifically objective  
4 analysis. You cannot impart bias or slant the  
5 analysis. It has to stand up to scientific  
6 scrutiny. This is a scientific decision making  
7 process.

8 The second thing is that it has to be  
9 interdisciplinary. You're pulling in disciplines.  
10 NEPA, more than any other law or regulation in the  
11 world, calls in disciplines from virtually every  
12 single discipline one can think of: biology,  
13 hydrology, water resources, soils, economics, social  
14 scientists. It calls in people from all various  
15 disciplines. They work together and they prepare  
16 the analysis, so it's a very interdisciplinary  
17 process. And the reason for that is to make sure  
18 that you get every single discipline that might  
19 interplay in the analysis incorporated into that  
20 analysis.

21 And lastly, it says that the analysis or  
22 the EIS must be systematic. Now, what does that  
23 mean? It means that the analysis must be prepared  
24 in a structured scientific systematic process. You

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1 can't have a wishy washy process that just goes this  
2 way and that way and this way and that way. It's  
3 got to be a very smooth, systematic, well thought  
4 out, structured process.

5 Now, the EIS must rigorously investigate  
6 the environmental impacts of the license renewal  
7 proposal as well as alternatives to that proposal,  
8 and we'll come back to that because that's very  
9 important. That's part of the input we're going to  
10 ask you people as well as other people in the  
11 scoping process to try to provide their thoughts in  
12 terms of what are the alternatives and mitigation  
13 measures that should be considered.

14 Another key point is the purpose of the  
15 EIS. What is the purpose of the EIS? The purpose  
16 of the EIS is to inform federal decision makers and  
17 to publicly disclose the impacts of the proposal and  
18 the reasonable alternatives, including the  
19 alternative of taking no action. In other words, in  
20 our case taking no action would be would be not to  
21 renew the license for the Duane Arnold Energy  
22 Center. That alternative has as much play in the  
23 analysis as the proposal itself.

24 Most people that haven't dealt with NEPA

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1 or the EIS are kind of confused by the EIS process.

2 I've put together a very simplified flow chart of  
3 how the EIS process works. It's actually quite a  
4 bit more complicated than this, but pay attention  
5 especially to these yellow blocks because these  
6 yellow blocks show where the public can become  
7 intimately engaged in providing comments and input  
8 and effecting the course and the development of the  
9 EIS.

10 The EIS is initiated with a Notice of  
11 Intent. That's already been done in the Duane  
12 Arnold Energy Center. It's an NOI. It's a publicly  
13 available document, and when they publish the NOI in  
14 the Federal Register that kicks off a scoping  
15 process. And as part of that scoping process NRC  
16 requires a public scoping meeting, and that's what  
17 we're here for today.

18 And the purpose of the whole scoping  
19 process and the scoping meeting is to solicit public  
20 comments and input from the public in terms of what  
21 do they think are the significant issues? What do  
22 they think is the significant scope of the EIS  
23 that's going to be prepared? The NRC takes all the  
24 scoping stuff that was obtained during the scoping

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1 process, every one of them, we don't argue and just  
2 throw out comments. Everybody's comments will be  
3 evaluated. They feed into the preparation of what's  
4 called a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact  
5 Statement.

6 Now, this word supplemental, I'm going  
7 to come back to in a few slides and explain exactly  
8 what that means. It has a certain definition to it.

9 But the draft EIS is prepared and then the next  
10 thing that's done with it is it's put out to the  
11 public. It's made publicly available. The public  
12 can pick the EIS up, review it and then provide  
13 comments in terms of do they feel the scope was  
14 right when they prepared the EIS? Do they feel like  
15 issues or impacts were not adequately evaluated? Do  
16 they think certain things were made in error that  
17 might skew the final judgment or decision based on  
18 the EIS? All those comments will be addressed by  
19 NRC, each and every one of them. And based on the  
20 comments that we receive, the NRC will then prepare  
21 a final Supplemental EIS.

22 Now designated in there, the final  
23 Supplemental EIS then goes back down to the public.

24 They get to review the final EIS. Once that step

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1 is completed the NRC will take the information in  
2 the final EIS as well as some other decision making  
3 doctors, they will then make a decision and that  
4 decision will be documented in an ROD, a Record of  
5 Decision. That's a publicly available document.  
6 Once that is done then they are free to pursue  
7 whatever action was documented in the ROD.

8 If their decision is to re-license the  
9 plant, they'll re-license it. If the decision is to  
10 take a no action, that means not to re-license the  
11 plant, then the plant doesn't get re-licensed. If  
12 there's some other alternative that was explored in  
13 the EIS and they decide they want to take that, that  
14 will be documented in the ROD and they'll take that  
15 action. But the point here is that no decision can  
16 be made and no action with respect to the final  
17 decision can be made until we complete this entire  
18 EIS process. Only when we get to this point can a  
19 decision be made. Only after the decision is  
20 documented and publicly put out into the ROD can any  
21 action with respect to the renewal of the plant  
22 license be made.

23 So this is a very systematic process.  
24 It's a lengthy process and as you can see, the

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1 public has many chances to provide input, comments  
2 and things of this sort in the overall process.

3 Now, sometimes there's confusion about  
4 these public scoping meetings or the entire public  
5 scoping process because the public's scoping process  
6 goes over a long period of time, not just this one  
7 single public scoping meeting that we're at here  
8 today. The purpose of this meeting today is not to  
9 make a decision regarding the proposed action which  
10 involves renewal of the license application. That's  
11 not what we're here to do. Instead, it is to  
12 solicit public input and comments regarding the  
13 scope of the EIS. Once that EIS is prepared, again,  
14 I want to emphasize that once it's prepared then it  
15 will be used by the NRC in making the final decision  
16 regarding the license renewal application.

17 So what we're basically here to do is to  
18 try to determine from your viewpoint and from your  
19 experience and your read on this proposal, what is  
20 the scope of the actions that should be evaluated in  
21 the EIS? What is the scope of the significant  
22 impacts and issues that need to be addressed and  
23 considered by decision makers? What are the scope  
24 of the alternatives and mitigation measures that

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1 should be evaluated in the EIS? That's what we're  
2 really trying to determine because that has lots of  
3 different options and alternatives and different  
4 courses of action that might be taken at the end of  
5 the EIS process when we get to the decision making  
6 part of this process.

7 One of the things I want to emphasize is  
8 the concept of a GEIS, or Generic EIS versus an  
9 SEIS, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement,  
10 which I've been talking about. Back in 1998, the  
11 NRC looked at license renewal projects that they had  
12 spent many years preparing and what they did was  
13 they narrowed this down to 69 environmental issues  
14 or environmental impacts that they said were common  
15 to all license renewal projects. And they were able  
16 to come back and say we've reviewed these common  
17 impacts and we can reach common conclusions  
18 regarding the nature of those impacts. And those  
19 impacts and their conclusions were documented in  
20 this GEIS.

21 Now, what we're doing today or over the  
22 next year and-a-half is preparing a site-specific  
23 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, an  
24 SEIS, and this SEIS is really supplemental to the

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1 GEIS. And what the SEIS is going to do is it's  
2 going to evaluate the site-specific impacts of the  
3 Duane Arnold Energy Center and it's going to look to  
4 evaluate any new or significant information  
5 concerning the general conclusions in the GEIS that  
6 have been reached. So that's basically the  
7 relationship between this GEIS and the SEIS because  
8 you're going to see this off and on throughout the  
9 rest of the presentation. Now, in addition to  
10 the public scoping process, we're right here, we're  
11 asking for input and the input that we ask for is  
12 not just simply from this meeting here. It's a long  
13 laborious process and it runs over a couple of  
14 months and people from all walks of life that have  
15 an interest in the scope of the EIS can provide  
16 input here in this scoping process.

17 But in addition to that, the NRC will do  
18 consultations with other federal, state and local  
19 agencies. And examples of these agencies are like  
20 the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National  
21 Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the  
22 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as well native  
23 American tribes that could be potentially affected  
24 by this. All these consultations will be considered

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1 and incorporated along with the scoping comments we  
2 will receive from the general public. All that will  
3 be put together to determine the scope of the issues  
4 and impacts that will be evaluated in the  
5 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

6 And the types of impacts that are going  
7 to be evaluated include impacts to fish and  
8 wildlife. Is it going to hurt the local fishing  
9 industry? Is it going to hurt the wildlife industry  
10 around here? The air and water resource, what kind  
11 of impacts, positive or negative, is it going to  
12 have on air and water resources in the general  
13 community? It's going to look at impacts on  
14 historical and cultural resources, human health  
15 impacts, land use impacts. And then there's going  
16 to be a lot of emphasis on social economic impacts  
17 to the region, to the local area, because that's  
18 often a very big interest to the people that live  
19 around this area.

20 What are the impacts to taxes in the  
21 local area? What about community development? What  
22 about social impacts? What about environmental  
23 justice impacts? It's these kinds of impacts and an  
24 array of other impacts that will be analyzed in the

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1 EIS and then considered by the final decision maker.

2 So what we're really  
3 interested in here for this scoping meeting is what  
4 community issues from your standpoint should the EIS  
5 focus on? What local environmental impacts or  
6 issues should the EIS examine? What reasonable  
7 alternatives are appropriate for your particular  
8 area?

9 This slide is important because this  
10 shows the overall decision making process here.  
11 Right now with this scoping process that has started  
12 a while back and will continue for the next month or  
13 so and this public meeting that we have right now,  
14 we're up here in this area right here. And this  
15 area is coming down and it's going to shape the  
16 scope of the Supplemental Environmental Impact  
17 Statement.

18 When the SEIS is complete it's going to  
19 feed into the NRC decision making process, which is  
20 here. But it's not going to be the only thing that  
21 feeds into the decision making process. There will  
22 be some other factors. As Maurice alluded to,  
23 there's going to be a very rigorous site Safety  
24 Evaluation Report that's under preparation and it's

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1 going to feed into the decision making process.

2 We're going to have regional and planned  
3 inspections and the information that we garner from  
4 those inspections, they're going to feed into the  
5 final decision. The license renewal application  
6 that was submitted by the applicant is going to feed  
7 into it. There is an independent Advisory Committee  
8 on Reactor Safeguards that are going to provide  
9 information and recommendations, and that's going to  
10 feed into the decision making process. All these  
11 different kinds of things are going to be coming in  
12 and will be reviewed by the NRC and they will all  
13 have an effect on the ultimate decision that's made.

14 So in addition to receiving comments  
15 here at this public scoping meeting, there's three  
16 other ways you can provide comments. We have  
17 comments that can be provided by mail, and here is  
18 the address. It should be on your handout and your  
19 handout will tell you where you can send written  
20 comments to. You can also send written comments by  
21 e-mail to this e-mail address right here.

22 The third thing is that if you happen to  
23 be scooting around the Washington, D.C. area  
24 sometime and you want to stop by the NRC

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1 headquarters, you can deliver your comments in  
2 person right there. So there's three other  
3 additional ways to get the comments in. And the  
4 comments should be submitted by May 25th of this  
5 year.

6 This matrix right here has some of the  
7 important key milestone dates for the EIS that may  
8 be of concern to you. This table is in your handout  
9 and I'm not going to belabor it, but the information  
10 is there. And if you need additional

11 information to help you in terms of hearing comments  
12 or anything else, you can contact Maurice Heath at  
13 this number. You can contact myself at that number.

14 There are also pertinent documents that are on file  
15 with the Hiawatha Public Library. And you can also  
16 get pertinent documents off of the NRC's website,  
17 which has it's website address right there. So  
18 those are the areas you can turn to if you want  
19 additional information in preparing your comments  
20 and sending them in.

21 With that, I'm going to turn it over to  
22 Maurice here and he'll take it from there. Thank  
23 you very much for your time.

24 MR. HEATH: Thank you, Charles. At this

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1 part of the meeting, I'd like to open the floor if  
2 we have any questions on the license renewal  
3 process. Any questions from anyone?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. ECCLESTON: Maurice, it looks like  
6 we've done an A-1 job here.

7 MR. HEATH: All right. Well, one thing  
8 I want to note, on the table to your left where you  
9 signed in we also have an FAQ book, Frequently Asked  
10 Questions, that describes a lot of questions that we  
11 get at these scoping meetings. It's a good resource  
12 in case you don't want to ask a question today or  
13 just want to take this and look over it.

14 But it's just a good point and if  
15 there's something that you come up with later, the  
16 majority of the time it will probably be in this  
17 book if it's dealing with the license renewal  
18 process. There's some copies on the table so feel  
19 free to grab one. If we run out, please let me know  
20 and give me your information and I can get one to  
21 you.

22 Now, at this portion I would like to  
23 open the floor for anybody that wants to add any  
24 comments on the environmental scoping portion that

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1 Charles just talked about. We didn't have anybody  
2 on the list, but I'm just opening the floor to  
3 anybody that wants to provide any comments on the  
4 environmental scoping.

5 (No response.)

6 MR. ECCLESTON: I think I saw three  
7 hands in the back over there.

8 MR. HEATH: Well, in that case, like we  
9 said before, the slide before, if you think of  
10 something there that you want to add comments, you  
11 can send it to us. Like Charles said, if you happen  
12 to be in D.C. doing a tour of the National Mall or  
13 something, feel free to come to Rockfield, it's just  
14 a train ride, with Metro, drop your comments off.  
15 Or there's an e-mail address we have set up  
16 specifically for Duane Arnold EIS.

17 With that, if there's no more, we'll  
18 adjourn the meeting. Thank you all for coming out.

19 Charles and myself will be here after the meeting  
20 in case you just have some questions that pop into  
21 your mind, so feel free. Thank you all for coming.

22 (Whereupon the above matter concluded at  
23 7:41 p.m.)  
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