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NRC POSTPONES CALIFORNIA MEETING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has postponed a meeting near Los Angeles that had been scheduled to hear comments on proposed changes to environmental regulations related to nuclear power plant license renewal.

The agency is exploring other locations for the rescheduled meeting or meetings in response to citizen and local official requests that the meeting be held in a location more convenient to people who may want to attend. Any new date and location will be provided through another news release as well as the list of upcoming public meetings on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Hyatt Westlake Plaza in Westlake Village, Calif., just west of Los Angeles. The rescheduled meeting is expected to have the same format: an open house at 5 p.m., followed by a formal meeting at 7 p.m. At the open house, NRC staff will be available to answer questions. During the formal meeting, members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.

The proposed changes are contained in the *Summary of Findings on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Issues for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants*, and the draft revision of *Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants*, NUREG-1437. The NRC is also publishing for comment a revised Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, *Preparation of Environmental Reports for License Renewal Applications*, and NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, *Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants*.

The proposed rule revisions redefine the number and scope of environmental impact issues that must be addressed in a nuclear power plant license renewal review. The Commission has stated it intends to review the rule every 10 years and update it as necessary.

The GEIS assesses the overall scope and impact of environmental effects associated with license renewal at any nuclear power plant. Plant-specific supplements to the GEIS are prepared for each individual license renewal review.

Comments on the proposed rule, draft revised GEIS and associated documents may be submitted over the federal e-Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov (Docket I.D. NRC-2008-0608); by e-mail to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov; by mail to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff; or by fax to 301-492-3466. Written comments on the draft revised GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. The deadline for comments is Oct. 14.

The draft revised GEIS is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852, or from the NRC's Agency wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm . The number for the draft revised GEIS is ML090220654; the draft Regulatory Guide 4.2 Supplement 1, Rev. 1 is ML091620409 and the Draft NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, Rev. 1 is ML090230497.

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