



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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LICENSEE: Energy Northwest

FACILITY: Columbia Generating Station

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2009, MEETING WITH ENERGY NORTHWEST REGARDING PRE-LICENSING ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REMEDIATION OF THE 618-11 BURIAL GROUNDS ADJACENT TO COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION (TAC NO. ME1699)

On October 14, 2009, a public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and representatives of Energy Northwest (the licensee), at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. The purpose of the morning session was to discuss the current Department of Energy (DOE) 618-11 burial grounds (618-11 site) remediation project activities and schedule. The 618-11 site is located within Columbia Generating Station's (Columbia) Exclusion Area and was previously used as a repository for a broad spectrum of low-to-high-level radioactive wastes. The licensee expects to submit proposed changes to Columbia's emergency plan and associated emergency action levels to support Phase 1 – "Non-intrusive characterization" remediation activities at the 618-11 site. During the afternoon session, the licensee discussed its regulatory gap analysis and outlined how the licensing basis of Columbia would be updated to address the 618-11 site Phase 1 remediation activities. The licensee's presentation can be found at Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML092881062 and ML092881096.

A list of attendees is enclosed. Mr. Chris Smith from the DOE Richland Operations Office was in attendance and answered questions from the NRC staff regarding the remediation activities and schedule. Two members of the public participated via a telephone conference line. Public Meeting Feedback forms were not received.

Please direct any inquiries to me at 301-415-1115, or Nicholas.DiFrancesco@nrc.gov.

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Docket No. 50-397

Enclosure:
List of Attendees

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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) MEETING WITH
ENERGY NORTHWEST (ENW) REGARDING PRE-LICENSING ACTIVITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLANNED REMEDIATION
OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) 618-11 BURIAL GROUNDS
October 14, 2009

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