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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON  
THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE CALVERT  
CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT 3 COMBINED LICENSE  
APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application submitted by Calvert Cliffs 3 Nuclear Project, LLC and UniStar Nuclear Operating Services, LLC (collectively referred to as UniStar) for a combined license (COL) for construction and operation of one new nuclear unit at its Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) site near Lusby, Maryland. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Baltimore District, is reviewing a joint Federal/State Application for the Alteration of Any Floodplain, Waterway, Tidal or Non-tidal Wetland in Maryland and is a cooperating agency on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). As part of the review of the proposed actions, the NRC and Corps staff have prepared the enclosed DEIS (NUREG-1936). The DEIS includes analysis of relevant environmental issues, including potential impacts to State-listed endangered and threatened species, and documents the NRC staff's determination regarding the environmental impacts at the proposed site from the construction and operation of one new nuclear unit. The NRC's determination is independent of the Corps' determination of a Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative pursuant to the Clean Water Act, Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. The Corps will conclude its analysis of offsite and onsite alternatives, and issue its decision on the permit application in its Record of Decision, which will be issued after the final environmental impact statement.

Please provide any information or comments on the enclosed DEIS that you consider appropriate under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, as amended, during the comment period, which ends on July 6, 2010. The DEIS is also available from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. The accession numbers in ADAMS for the DEIS are ML10100012 and ML10100013. The DEIS can also be found at the NRC Calvert Cliffs COL-specific webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/calvert-cliffs.html>. Comments should be submitted either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by e-mail to [CalvertCliffsCOLAEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:CalvertCliffsCOLAEIS@nrc.gov).

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Laura Quinn, Environmental Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-2220, or by e-mail at [Laura.Quinn@nrc.gov](mailto:Laura.Quinn@nrc.gov).

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