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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM TO: Bo M. Pham, Chief  
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Division of License Renewal  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Tam M. Tran, Project Manager   
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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LICENSE  
RENEWAL PROCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR  
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE  
RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 2, 2011 (Two identical meetings)  
First Meeting: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (as necessary)  
Second Meeting: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (as necessary)

LOCATION: Bay City Civic Center  
Main Hall, Room 100  
201 Seventh Street  
Bay City, TX 77414

CATEGORY 3:\* This is a Category 3 Meeting. The public is invited to participate in  
this meeting by providing comments and asking questions  
throughout the meeting.

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PURPOSE: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received a  
license renewal application (LRA) from South Texas Project  
Nuclear Operating Company dated October 25, 2010, for the  
renewal of the operating licenses for the South Texas Project,  
Units 1 and 2. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the  
license renewal and environmental scoping process for the LRA  
review. These meetings are being conducted as part of the  
scoping process outlined in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal  
Regulations* Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51) to support the development

\* Commission's Policy Statement on "Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings," 67 *Federal Register* 36920, May 28, 2002.

of an environmental impact statement. These meetings will provide members of the public the opportunity to provide comments regarding environmental issues that the NRC should consider during its review.

Both meetings will be preceded by an informal "open house" beginning one hour prior to each meeting. The open house will provide members of the public an opportunity to talk informally with NRC staff. Members of the public may register to present oral comments at the meetings by contacting Tam Tran at 1-800-368-5642, extension 3617, or by e-mail at [tam.tran@nrc.gov](mailto:tam.tran@nrc.gov) by February 23, 2011. Those who wish to make comments may also register within 15 minutes of the start of each meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register.

The agenda for the meeting and *Federal Register* notice (ML103490603) are enclosed. The LRA and information on the license renewal process are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

PARTICIPANTS:

Participants from the NRC include members of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and members who register to speak.

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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosures:  
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
LICENSE RENEWAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING PROCESS  
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2  
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW  
BAY CITY CIVIC CENTER  
BAY CITY, TX 77414

AGENDA  
March 2, 2011

(Two Identical Meetings)  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.\*

I. Welcome and Purpose of Meeting	10 minutes **
II. Overview of License Renewal Process	15 minutes
III. Overview of the Environmental Review and Scoping Process	15 minutes
IV. Public Comments	As Needed
V. Closing/Availability of Transcript	5 minutes

\* The NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to each meeting session. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the environmental impact statement will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as described in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice.

\*\* Times in this agenda are approximates.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
STP NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT AND CONDUCT THE SCOPING PROCESS FOR  
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2  
DOCKET NUMBERS 50-498, 50-499  
[NRC-2010-0375]

STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) has submitted an application for renewal of Facility Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for an additional 20 years of operation at the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2. STP is located near Wadsworth, TX.

The current operating license for STP Unit 1 expires on August 20, 2027, and Unit 2 expires on December 15, 2028. The application for renewal, dated October 25, 2010, was submitted pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 54, which included an environmental report (ER). A separate notice of receipt and availability of the application was published in the *Federal Register* on December 9, 2010 (75 FRN 76757). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application and opportunity for hearing regarding renewal of the facility operating license was also published in the *Federal Register* on January 13, 2011 (76 FRN 2426). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) related to the review of the license renewal application and to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process, as defined in 10 CFR 51.29.

As outlined in 36 CFR 800.8, "Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act," the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic

Preservation Act (NHPA) in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC intends to use its process and documentation for the preparation of the EIS on the proposed action to comply with Section 106 of the NHPA in lieu of the procedures set forth at 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.53(c) and 10 CFR 54.23, STPNOC submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51 and is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS Accession Number for the STP ER is ML103010263. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff by telephone at 800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ER may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/south-texas-project.html>. In addition, paper copies of the ER are available to the public for viewing near the site at the Bay City Public Library, 1100 7th Street, Bay City, TX 77414.

Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at the Federal Rulemaking website, <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2010-0375.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the NRC's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (NUREG-1437) related to the review of the application for renewal of the STP operating licenses for an additional 20 years.

Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. The NRC is required by 10 CFR 51.95 to prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with NEPA and the NRC's regulations found at 10 CFR Part 51.

The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft supplement to the GEIS for public comment. Participation in the scoping process by members of the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal government agencies is encouraged. The scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS will be used to accomplish the following:

- a. Define the proposed action, which is to be the subject of the supplement to the GEIS;
- b. Determine the scope of the supplement to the GEIS and identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth;
- c. Identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are peripheral or that are not significant;
- d. Identify any environmental assessments and other EISs that are being or will be prepared that are related to, but are not part of, the scope of the supplement to the GEIS being considered;
- e. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action;
- f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of the environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule;
- g. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the supplement to the GEIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies; and

- h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared and include any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in scoping:

- a. The applicant, STPNOC;
- b. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved or that is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;
- c. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;
- d. Any affected Indian tribe;
- e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process; and
- f. Any person who has petitioned or intends to petition for leave to intervene.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC has decided to hold public meetings for the STP license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meetings will be held on March 2, 2011, and there will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. CST and will continue until 3:30 p.m. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 9:00 p.m., as necessary. Both sessions will be held at the Bay City Civic Center, 201 Seventh Street, Bay City, Texas 77414.

Both meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) an overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies,

organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed below.

Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meetings on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting the NRC Project Manager, Mr. Tam Tran, by telephone at 800-368-5642, extension 3617, or by e-mail at [Tam.Tran@nrc.gov](mailto:Tam.Tran@nrc.gov) no later than February 23, 2011. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS. Mr. Tran will need to be contacted no later than February 23, 2011, if special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include Docket ID NRC-2010-0375 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC website and on the Federal rulemaking website <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

**Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2010-0375. Address questions about NRC dockets to Ms. Carol Gallagher 301-492-3668; e-mail [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

**Mail comments to:** Ms. Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements and Directives Branch (RADB), Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax to RADB at (301) 492-3446. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by April 1, 2011. Comments will be available electronically and accessible through ADAMS at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

You can access publicly available documents related to this notice using the following methods:

**NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):** The public may examine and have copied for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, Public File Area O1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

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Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting. The notice of acceptance for docketing of the application and opportunity for hearing that was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FRN 2426) describes the hearing process.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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