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This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a supplemental EIS related to the review of the application for a COL at the Grand Gulf site in accordance with 10 CFR 51.92(e).

The NRC is required by 10 CFR 51.20(b)(2) to prepare an EIS in connection with the issuance of a COL. This notice is being published in accordance with NEPA and NRC regulations found in 10 CFR Part 51. The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the supplemental EIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft supplemental EIS for public comment. Participation in the scoping process by members of the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal government agencies is encouraged. Pursuant to NRC regulations in 10 CFR 51.92(c)(1), the scoping process for the supplemental EIS to the ESP Final EIS will be used to accomplish the following:

a. Identification of the economic, technical, and other benefits and costs of the proposed action, to the extent that the Final EIS for the ESP did not include an assessment of these benefits and costs;

b. Identification of other energy alternatives, to the extent that the Final EIS for the ESP did not include an assessment of energy alternatives;

c. Identification of the issues related to the impacts of construction and operation of the facility that were not resolved in the ESP proceeding; and

d. Identification of the issues related to the impacts of construction and operation that were resolved in the ESP proceeding but where new and significant information exists, including but not limited to, new and significant information demonstrating that the design of the facility falls outside the site characteristics and design parameters specified in the ESP.

The NRC will hold two public scoping meetings regarding the Grand Gulf COL application on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at the Port Gibson City Hall in Port Gibson, Mississippi. The first meeting will convene at 1 p.m. and will continue until approximately 4 p.m. An evening meeting will convene at 7 p.m. on that same day and will continue until approximately 10 p.m. The meeting will be transcribed and will include: (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the EIS, the proposed review schedule, and (2) the opportunity to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the EIS.

Additionally, the NRC staff will host an informal discussion one hour before the start of each meeting. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the EIS will be accepted during the informal discussion open house. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed below.

Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting Ms. Tamsen Dozier or Mr. Paul Michalak at 1-800-368-5642, extension 2272 or 7612, respectively. In addition, persons can register via e-mail to the NRC GRANDGULF.COLAEIS@nrc.gov no later than June 12, 2008.

Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting. 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 EIS. Ms. Dozier or Mr. Michalak will need to be contacted no later than June 9, 2008, 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 send written comments on the environmental scope of the Grand Gulf COL review to the Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments should be postmarked by July 29, 2008. Comments may also be delivered to Room T-6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., during Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be sent via e-mail to GRANDGULF.COLAEIS@nrc.gov. To be considered in the scoping process, comments should be received by the end of the scoping comment period, which is July 29, 2008.

Participation in the scoping process for the EIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the EIS relates. Notice of a hearing regarding the application for a COL will be the subject of a future **Federal Register** notice.

The NRC staff will prepare and issue for comment the draft supplemental EIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and a separate public meeting. A copy of the draft supplemental EIS will be available for public inspection at the above-mentioned address, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC staff will prepare a final EIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the scoping process and development of the EIS may be obtained from Ms. Tamsen Dozier, Environmental Project Manager, by phone at (301) 415-2272 or via e-mail at Tamsen.Dozier@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of May 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Deputy Division Director, Division of Site and Environmental Reviews, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Issuance of Regulatory Guide

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Regulatory Guide 3.65, Revision 1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Orr, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6373 or e-mail to Mark.Orr@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued revisions to existing guides in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 3.65, "Standard Format and Content of Decommissioning Plans for Materials Licensees," was issued with a

temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide DG-3027. This regulatory guide provides guidance on decommissioning leading to termination of a materials license. Licensees decommissioning their facilities are required to demonstrate to the NRC that their proposed methods will ensure that decommissioning activities can be conducted safely, and that, at the completion of decommissioning activities, the facility will comply with NRC requirements for license termination as described in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR). In particular, licensees are required to demonstrate compliance with the following parts of 10 CFR:

- Part 30, “Rules of General Applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct Material”;
- Part 40, “Domestic Licensing of Source Material”;
- Part 60, “Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories”;
- Part 61, “Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste”;
- Part 63, “Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada”;
- Part 70, “Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material”;
- Part 72, “Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste, and Reactor Related Greater Than Class C Waste”.

This regulatory guide endorses the method described in the current version of NUREG-1757, Volume 1, “Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance: Decommissioning Process for Materials Licensees,” as a process that has been found acceptable to the NRC for meeting the regulatory requirements for decommissioning of materials facilities licensed under 10 CFR parts 30, 40, 70, 72 and to the ancillary surface facilities that support radioactive waste disposal activities licensed under 10 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63.

II. Further Information

In February 2008, DG-3027 was published with a public comment period of 60 days from the issuance of the guide. The public comment period closed on April 18, 2008. Electronic copies of Regulatory Guide 3.66, Revision 1 are available through the NRC’s public Web site under “Regulatory Guides” at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. The PDR’s mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4209, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22th day of May, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 3.66, “Standard Format and Content of Financial Assurance Mechanisms,” was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide DG-3028. This regulatory guide provides guidance for the financial assurance mechanisms

required for decommissioning leading to termination of a materials license. At the end of licensed operations, licensees must maintain all financial assurance established pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR). In particular, licensees are required to demonstrate compliance with the following parts of 10 CFR:

- Part 30, “Rules of General Applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct Material”;
- Part 40, “Domestic Licensing of Source Material”;
- Part 70, “Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material”;
- Part 72, “Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste, and Reactor Related Greater Than Class C Waste”.

NRC licensees must demonstrate financial assurance for decommissioning and, if applicable, for site control and maintenance following license termination.

This regulatory guide endorses the method described in the current revisions of NUREG-1757, Volume 1, “Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance: Decommissioning Process for Materials Licensees” and Volume 3, “Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance: Financial Assurance, Recordkeeping, and Timeliness” as a process that has been found acceptable to the NRC for meeting the regulatory requirements.

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