

Your questions regarding the Turkey Point
DEIS

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Dear Mr. White:

On 4 March 2015, you sent an e-mail to Ms. Tony Wade, an Administrative Assistant in the Office of New Reactors who works with Alicia Williamson, an NRC Project Manager assigned to the Turkey Point Units 6&7 application review. In the e-mail, you posed the following questions regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) the NRC Staff will be publishing for comment:

Mrs. Wade, does this constitute the beginning of the 30 day period in which to file an petition to intervene or will there be another posting which will?

Also, we have some questions about your request for comments.

It sounds like an informal request as opposed to one using a judicial or petition/hearing process. Is that correct? What is the time frame for your request and how will the inquiries and comments be handled? Should we circulate them among all you have been copied here? And will there be authoritative response from NRC staff. Will ALJ's be involved? Since the first page of the draft states that the NRC recommends accepting the draft EIS as is, what possible influence could we have? And, as I understand, the document is 14,000 pages, and we have only 30 days to file petitions if we want to; it could take that long just to read it. Maybe that time period could be extended?

First, as Ms. Williamson indicated in her reply to you, please communicate with her regarding the DEIS comment process and me regarding the proceeding on the application now pending before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Second, the DEIS is approximately 1400 pages long, not 14,000 pages, not including 350 pages of material that is referenced in appendices and available in the NRC's Agencywide Document Management System (ADAMS). The appendices give the ADAMS Accession numbers for these documents.

Third, you are correct that the process for commenting on the DEIS is not an adjudicatory process, i.e., no Licensing Board or ALJ will preside over that process. Rather, the NRC Staff will receive comments on the document in accordance with the instructions in the *Federal Register* notice (FRN)

announcing the availability of the DEIS. The instructions will specify how you can submit your comments, including the last date for comment submission. The NRC FRN is scheduled to be published tomorrow.

Fourth, the NRC will address all the comments received in accordance with the submission instructions in the FRN (including the deadline for comment submission). The NRC is scheduled to issue a final EIS (FEIS) in 2016, and if a comment warrants, the NRC Staff will modify the EIS text in response to the comment when it issues the FEIS. However, not every comment will warrant a change to the EIS. The NRC Staff will document how it considered the comments.

Fifth, the adjudicatory proceeding on the application pending before the ASLB is parallel to, but separate from, the DEIS comment process. Please note that the time limits for raising a new contention before the ASLB and submitting comments on the DEIS to the NRC Staff are not the same. As I indicated in my e-mail to you of 3 March 2015 (yesterday), the time for submitting new contentions on the DEIS begins to run from the publication of the FRN announcing availability of the DEIS, which, as stated above, is scheduled for tomorrow. As I also indicated in yesterday's e-mail, the ASLB sets the schedule for submission of new contentions.

I hope this answers your questions. Please contact me if you have any further questions. Note, however, that I may not be in the office at different times from now until next Tuesday—if I am out, you will receive an automatic reply to any e-mail that will give you instructions on who to contact.

Sincerely,
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