

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. 50-244 and 72-67; NRC-2015-0249]**

**Exelon Generation Company, LLC**

**R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Finding of no significant impact with associated environmental assessment; final issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) related to a request to amend Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-18, issued to Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon, “the licensee”), for operation of the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (hereinafter “Ginna,” or “the facility”), including the general-licensed Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, Docket No. 72-67, located in Wayne County, NY. The requested amendment would permit licensee security personnel to use certain firearms and ammunition feeding devices not previously permitted, notwithstanding State, local, and certain Federal firearms laws or regulations that otherwise prohibit such actions.

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- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2015-0249**. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; e-mail: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

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- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

The NRC is considering a request to amend Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-18, issued to Exelon for operation of Ginna, including the general-licensed Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, Docket No. 72-67, located in Wayne County, NY, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). Consistent with 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC has reviewed the requirements of 10 CFR 51.20(b) and 10 CFR 51.22(c) and determined that an EA is the appropriate form of environmental review. Based on the results of the EA, the NRC is issuing this final FONSI. The requested amendment would permit licensee security personnel to use certain firearms and ammunition feeding devices not previously permitted, notwithstanding State, local, and certain Federal firearms laws or regulations that otherwise prohibit such actions.

The NRC published a draft EA and FONSI on the proposed action for public comment in the *Federal Register* on October 29, 2015 (80 FR 66586). No comments were received.

**II. Environmental Assessment**

*Identification of the Proposed Action:*

The proposed action would permit security personnel at Ginna, in the performance of official duties, to transfer, receive, possess, transport, import, and use certain firearms and large capacity ammunition feeding devices not previously permitted to be owned or possessed, notwithstanding State, local, and certain Federal firearms laws, or regulations, that otherwise prohibit such actions.

The proposed action is in accordance with Exelon's application dated August 14, 2013, as supplemented by letters dated November 4, 2013, May 14, 2014, and January 16, 2015.

*The Need for the Proposed Action:*

The proposed action would allow the transfer, receipt, possession, transportation, importation and use of those firearms and devices needed in the performance of official duties required for the protection of Ginna and associated special nuclear material, as stated in the Ginna NRC-approved security plan.

*Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:*

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action would only allow the use of those firearms and devices necessary to protect Ginna and associated special nuclear material, consistent with the Ginna NRC-approved security plan. Therefore, the proposed action would not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. In addition, the proposed action would not change the types and the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite. There would also be no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there would be no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action would not impact land, air, or water resources, including biota. In addition, the proposed action would not result in any socioeconomic or environmental justice impacts or impacts to historic and cultural resources. Therefore, there would also be no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that the issuance of the requested amendment would not result in significant environmental impacts.

Details of the NRC's evaluation will be included in a letter to the licensee.

*Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action:*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denying the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the license amendment request would result in no change in current environmental conditions at the Ginna.

*Alternative Use of Resources:*

The proposed action would not involve the use of any resources.

*Agencies and Persons Consulted:*

The staff did not consult with any other Federal Agency or State of New York agencies regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action.

### **III. Finding of No Significant Impact**

The licensee has requested a license amendment to permit licensee security personnel, in the performance of official duties, to transfer, receive, possess, transport, import, and use certain firearms and large capacity ammunition feeding devices not previously permitted to be owned or possessed, notwithstanding State, local, and certain Federal firearms laws, or regulations that would otherwise prohibit such actions.

On the basis of the information presented in this environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action would not cause any significant environmental impact and would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. In addition, the NRC has determined that an environmental impact statement is not necessary for the evaluation of this proposed action.

Other than the licensee's letter dated August 14, 2013, there are no other environmental documents associated with this review. This document is available for public inspection as indicated above.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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