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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING
NEAR THE KEWAUNEE POWER STATION REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY
ADVISORY BOARDS

Background

On September 24, 2019, a Category 3 public meeting was held between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, members of the public and interested stakeholders at the Town Hall, Town of Carlton, N1296 Town Hall Road, Kewaunee, Wisconsin 54216. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the NRC staff in identifying best practices and lessons learned for establishment and operation of local community advisory boards (CABs) associated with power reactor decommissioning activities.

These actions are being taken in response to Section 108 of Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA), which was signed into law on January 14, 2019, and requires the NRC to provide a report to Congress no later than July 14, 2020, identifying best practices for establishing and operating local community advisory boards to foster communication and information exchange between a decommissioning licensee and the local community, including lessons learned from such organizations.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19232A507. A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 1 (note that the names of some participants were not captured), the meeting transcript is available in ADAMS at Accession No. ML19284B574, and is linked in Enclosure 2.

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Meeting

On September 24, 2019, the NRC staff held a public meeting to discuss the agency's activities in accordance with Section 108 of NEIMA to collect information on the use of local community advisory boards during decommissioning activities and issue a best practices report. The contents of this report will include a description of the type of topics that could be brought before a community advisory board; how the board's input could inform the decision-making process of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities; how the board could interact with the NRC and other Federal regulatory bodies to promote dialogue between the licensee and affected stakeholders; and how the board could offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process. The report will also include a discussion of the composition of existing community advisory boards and best practices identified during the establishment and operation of such boards, including logistical considerations, frequency of meetings, and the selection of board members.

Representatives from the NRC staff gave a presentation on the requirements of NEIMA Section 108, and presented the various methods to provide feedback on best practices and lessons learned from community advisory boards. This presentation is provided as Enclosure 3 and can be found in ADAMS Accession No. ML19260E695. Additional information on NEIMA Section 108, as well as an electronic means of providing comments, are available at the NRC public website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>.

Before the close of the meeting, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108. The comments and questions received are summarized in Enclosure 4, and focused primarily on the membership of community panels, the independence of the panel as an advisory body, and the ways in which the panel can establish outreach with the community. To date, no Public Meeting Feedback forms were received.

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Enclosures:

1. List of Attendees
2. Public Meeting Transcript
3. NRC Presentation Slides
4. Summary of Public Comments

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LIST OF ATTENDEES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING
THE KEWAUNEE POWER STATION REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

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Paul Briggs	Dean Curtland
Doug Ower	Mike Davis
Rod McCullum	Ramona Lake
Peter Devlin	Paul Schmitt
Bradly McMahon	Bob Busch
Paul Chamberlain	Bill Zipp
Britt Griffin	Mitchell Maricque

*note, name spelling is approximate

Enclosure 2

**KPS NEIMA Section 108
Public Meeting Transcript**

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Enclosure 2

Enclosure 3

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Presentation Slides**

ML19260E695

Enclosure 3

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR
THE KEWAUNEE POWER STATION REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the Kewaunee Power Station (KPS) NEIMA Section 108 public meeting, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108 regarding best practices and lessons learned for community advisory boards. Comments and feedback were received on the following topics:

- Community Advisory Boards should be somewhat independent, and they should be funded from the decommissioning fund.
- NRC should have some representation at all CAB meetings and present status updates on the decommissioning effort.
- CAB membership should be a variety of people that have an interest in decommissioning. There should be an application process for membership and the CAB should consist of a diverse group of people, including but not limited to elected officials, non-government officials, interested parties, consultants, and subject matter experts.
- An accountability system is needed for the detailed spending of decommissioning funds.