

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING,
AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT,
AND INTENT TO PREPARE A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL LICENSE
FOR THE ALABAMA NUCLEAR FUEL FABRICATION PLANT (ANFFP),
WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION,
TO BE LOCATED NEAR PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA
DOCKET NO. 70-2909

Agency: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Fuel Cycle and
Material Safety

Action: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

1. Description of the Proposed Action - Westinghouse Electric Corporation has submitted an application for a Special Nuclear Material license authorizing Westinghouse to acquire, deliver, receive, possess, use and initially transfer special nuclear material, for its Nuclear Fuel Division, Alabama Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant (ANFFP), a new facility proposed for location near Prattville, Alabama. The ANFFP will convert low-enriched uranium hexafluoride into uranium dioxide (UO_2) for fabrication into ceramic fuel pellets which are subsequently encapsulated into metal tubing and clustered into fuel assemblies for shipment to commercial nuclear power plants. The 814-acre site is located in Autauga County near Prattville, Alabama, about 12 miles northwest of Montgomery, Alabama. The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, requires persons who acquire, deliver, receive, possess, use and initially transfer

special nuclear material to obtain a specific license. Licenses are issued for a 5-year term and renewal of the license must be requested at least 30 days prior to expiration of the 5-year term. Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51, provides for the preparation of a detailed environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) prior to issuing a Special Nuclear Material license if the issuance of that license may result in actions which significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

2. The principal alternatives currently planned to be considered in the preparation of a draft statement include alternative siting of the facility, alternative plant design and operation, alternative waste treatment and the alternative of no licensing action.

3. The scoping process will include a meeting to be held at the Prattville City Hall, Prattville, Alabama, on March 27, 1980, at 7 p.m. This meeting will provide for a briefing of interested parties concerning the proposed action and alternatives and opportunity for comment on the scope of the proposed statement. The participation of the public and all interested government agencies is invited. Copies of this notice will be mailed to all affected Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested persons. Written comments concerning the scope of the proposed statement will be accepted through April 3, 1980.

4. Pursuant to 10 CFR §2.105, by April 7, 1980, the licensee may file a request for a hearing; and, any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the approval or disapproval of the granting of a Special Nuclear Material license for the ANFFP. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of §2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. A petition for leave to intervene must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed action. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with this Federal Register notice and §2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, by April 7, 1980. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Thomas M. Dougherty, Esq., Westinghouse Electric Corporation, P.O. Box 355, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230, attorney for the licensee.

5. A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to both his interest and his contentions with

regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions relating only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

6. All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions. In the event no request for a hearing or petition to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission may, upon satisfactory completion of all evaluations, issue a license without further prior notice.

7. In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he/she becomes a party to the proceeding and has a right to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. For example, he/she may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

8. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is expected to be available to the public for review and comment in January 1981.

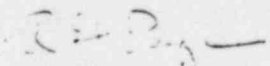
9. The applicant's Environmental Report and Application and any subsequent documents will be available for inspection and copying at the Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555. Copies of the Environmental Report and any subsequent documents are also being provided to the State Clearinghouse, Alabama Development Office, c/o State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama 36130; and the Metropolitan Clearinghouse, Central Alabama

Regional Planning and Development Commission, 808 Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. A local public document room will be established in the Prattville vicinity as soon as a suitable location is found and arrangements for the filing of all related documents to this action are completed. Notification of the establishment of a local public document room will be published in the Federal Register.

Questions about the proposed action, DEIS, and scoping meeting, as well as any written comments, should be directed to W. T. Crow, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, 396-SS, Washington, D.C. 20555, Phone (301) 427-4510.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 26th day of February, 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING
CONCERNING PROPOSED NRC LICENSING ACTION FOR ISSUANCE OF
A SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL LICENSE TO WESTINGHOUSE'S
ALABAMA NUCLEAR FUEL FABRICATION PLANT, PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA
DOCKET NO. 70-2909

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission is giving public notice that it is considering an application submitted by Westinghouse Electric Corporation for a special nuclear material license which would authorize Westinghouse to acquire, deliver, receive, possess, use and initially transfer special nuclear material for its Nuclear Fuel Division, Alabama Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant (ANFFP), a new facility proposed for location near Prattville, Alabama.

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Prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a "scoping" review will be held as a means for early identification of what are and what are not the important issues deserving of study in the EIS, that is, those issues which require detailed discussion versus those issues which need not be studied minutely. The scoping process is designed to encourage affected parties to identify crucial issues before the EIS is prepared, thereby reducing the possibility of oversight of important matters in the early stages of a NEPA review.

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In an effort to enable all affected parties to participate in establishing the scope of the NEPA review, a Scoping Meeting will be held at the Prattville City Hall on March 27, 1980, at 7 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and to present their views. Written comments on issues that should be addressed in the scope of the EIS will be accepted through April 3, 1980, and should be addressed to Dr. E. Y. Shum, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, 396-SS, Washington, D. C. 20555, phone (301) 427-4510.

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