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ACTIVITY: Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA)
Section 108 Public Meetings to Collect Feedback on
Establishment and Operation of Community Advisory Boards

FACILITY: Zion Nuclear Power Station

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING
NEAR THE ZION NUCLEAR POWER STATION REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY
ADVISORY BOARDS

Background

On September 26, 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 Courtyard Chicago Waukegan/Gurnee, 3800 Northpoint Boulevard, Waukegan, Illinois. 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 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.

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The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML19232A508. The meeting transcript is available in ADAMS at Accession No. ML19296D472.

Meeting

On September 26, 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 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 2 and can be found in ADAMS at Accession No. ML19249C775. 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 3, and focused primarily on how CABs should be independent and have more authority, CABs should be publicly funded and be a transparent entity, there needs to be a resolution to the high-level waste in the country and these also should have a CAB until the fuel is gone, CABs should be formed early so that people can get involved in all the processes that are going to happen with the plant, and CABs should be applied to other nuclear facilities in other communities, not just nuclear power plants. No Public Meeting Feedback forms were received.

Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304
License Nos. DPR-39 and DPR-48

Enclosures:

1. Public Meeting Transcript
2. NRC Presentation Slides
3. Summary of Public Comments
4. Nuclear Energy Information Service Comments to NRC about Citizen Advisory Boards provided on September 26, 2019, in Waukegan, Illinois, by David Kraft, Director
5. Nuclear Energy Information Service Comments to NRC about Citizen Advisory Boards provided on September 26, 2019, in Waukegan, Illinois, by Gail Snyder, President
6. List of Attendees

cc: w/enclosures: Zion Nuclear Power Station listserve

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 27, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR THE ZION NUCLEAR POWER STATION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS
DATE November 21, 2019

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Enclosure 1

**Zion NEIMA Section 108
Public Meeting Transcript**

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Enclosure 2

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

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Enclosure 2

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR
THE ZION NUCLEAR POWER STATION REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the Zion 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:

- CABs should be independent and have more authority.
- CABs should be publicly funded and be a transparent entity.
- There needs to be a resolution to the high-level waste in the country, and these also should have a CAB until the fuel is gone.
- CABs should be formed early so that people can get involved in all the processes that are going to happen with the plant.
- CABs should be applied to other nuclear facilities in other communities, not just nuclear power plants.

Enclosure 4

**Nuclear Energy Information Service Comments to NRC about Citizen
Advisory Boards provided on September 26, 2019, in Waukegan,
Illinois, by David Kraft, Director**

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Enclosure 5

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LIST OF ATTENDEES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR
THE ZION NUCLEAR POWER STATION REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

Meeting Attendees*

Linda Lewison
David Kraft
Gail Snyder
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Brittany Theis
Kathleen Rude
Jan Boudart
Rod McCullen
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Al Hill
David Zehren
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Steve Reynolds
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Kim Van Hoogen
Quinne Welter

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