

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
GPU NUCLEAR CORPORATION AND SAXTON NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL CORPORATION
(SAXTON NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL FACILITY)

DOCKET NO. 50-146

NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND AVAILABILITY FOR COMMENT OF
POST SHUTDOWN DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES REPORT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is in receipt of and is making available for public inspection and comment the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) for the Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (SNEC) Facility (SNEF) located near the Borough of Saxton, in Liberty Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. A public meeting on the SNEF PSDAR will be held in the Saxton Fire Hall located at 8th and North Street, Saxton, Pennsylvania 16678 on January 28, 1997, at 7.00 p.m.

Reactor operations at SNEF were terminated in May 1972. The reactor is defueled, with reactor fuel removed from the site, and the reactor cooling system is drained. SNEC submitted the SNEF Decommissioning Plan (DP) dated February 16, 1996, to the NRC in accordance with NRC regulations in effect at that time. The licensee submitted the SNEF Decommissioning Environmental Report on April 17, 1996. On July 18 and November 8, 1996, the licensee submitted additional information on the DP and environmental report in response to a request for additional information from the staff. When

proposed amendments to the NRC's decommissioning regulations were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on July 29, 1996 (61 FR 39278), the licensee requested that the review of the DP and related documents be suspended. When the amended regulations became effective on August 28, 1996, the submitted DP, as supplemented, became the SNEF PSDAR pursuant to 10 CFR 50.82 as amended. By letter dated September 30, 1996, the licensee discussed the effect of the amended regulations on its plans for decommissioning the SNEF.

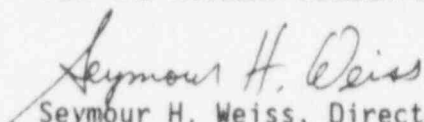
The public meeting, required by 10 CFR 50.82(a)(4)(ii), as amended, is informational and will include a presentation by the NRC staff on the decommissioning regulatory process. The licensee will give a presentation on planned decommissioning activities. A question and answer period will follow the presentations. Because of restrictions in the license for the SNEF, a license amendment is also needed before decommissioning activities can begin. This amendment to the SNEF license will be the subject of a separate notice for public comment pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91.

The SNEF PSDAR is available for public inspection at the SNEF local public document room, located at the Saxton Community Library, Front Street, Saxton, Pennsylvania 16678, and at the Commission Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. The SNEF PSDAR is filed as the SNEF DP dated February 16, 1996, the SNEF Decommissioning Environmental Report dated April 17, 1996, and the licensee's response, dated July 18 and November 8, 1996, to a request for additional information from the staff dated June 6, 1996.

Comments regarding the SNEC PSDAR may be submitted in writing and addressed to Mr. Alexander Adams, Jr., Senior Project Manager, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, M.S. 0-11-B-20, U.S. NRC, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-1127.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of December 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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