Public Meeting Agenda

5:00-5:50 PM	Open House	NRC
6:00-6:15 PM	Welcome, Ground Rules, Opening Remarks	Facilitator, NRC
6:15-6:35 PM	Presentation on Potential Restart Activities	NRC
6:35-6:50 PM	Statements from Elected Officials	Elected Officials
6:50-8:00 PM	Public Questions and Comments	Public, NRC
8:00 PM	Meeting Adjourn	All

Potential Duane Arnold Energy Center Restart

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Meeting Opening

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Prepared Remarks from Elected Officials	Elected Officials
Question and Answer Session	NRC, Facilitator
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NRC Presenters & Facilitators

- Brett Klukan, NRC Facilitator
- Billy Dickson, Deputy Director, Division of Operating Reactor Safety (DORS), Region III
- Hipo Gonzalez, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing (DORL)
- Néstor J. Féliz Adorno, Acting Director, Division of Reactor Oversight (DRO)
- April Nguyen, Team Lead, Restart Team, DORS, Region III
- Justin Poole, Project Manager, DORL

NRC Presentation

- DAEC Restart Panel
- Licensing Activities
- Noticing Process
- Potential Restart Assessment and Inspections

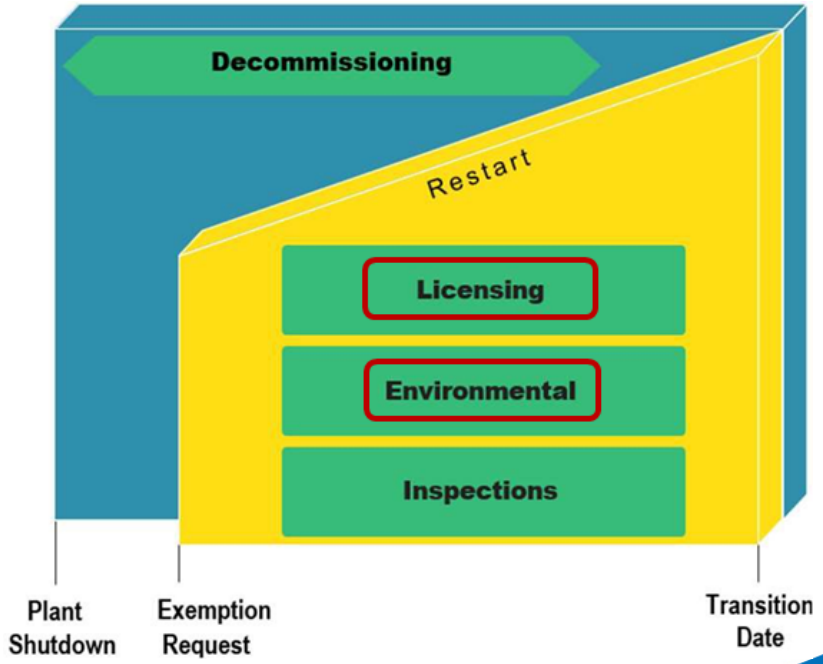
DAEC Restart Panel

- Oversees regulatory activities
- Provides oversight for licensing and inspection activities
- Proactively identifies and promptly resolves any challenges regarding restart
- Focus on communications

Charter: ML25069A731

Licensing Activities

- Existing licensing processes are being used to review and evaluate potential restart
- Safety reviews of restart-related licensing actions are ongoing
- NRC staff will make efficient licensing decisions that ensure safety



Licensing Activities

- The Licensing Bundle
  - Exemption from 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1)
  - License Amendment to restore the conditions in the Operating License and restore the Technical Specifications
  - Emergency Preparedness Amendment
  - Security Plan Amendment
- Actions to Restore the Operating Licensing Basis
  - Complete safety reviews
  - Publication of Final Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact, if applicable

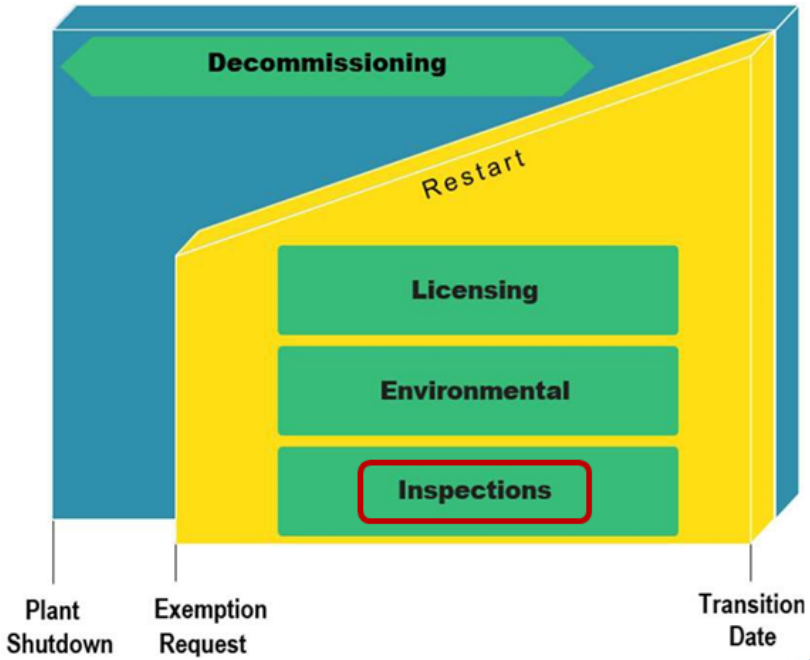
*NRC issuance of the licensing bundle would allow the plant to transition from a **decommissioning** status to an **operational** status from a regulatory standpoint, but the plant would not yet be **operating**.*

Noticing Process

- License amendment requests are noticed for comment and opportunity to request a hearing
- 1 Notice – license amendments:
  - 30-day comment / 60-day hearing request window
- Notice planned to be issued on or about April 22
  - 30-day comment period will end near the end of May
  - 60-day opportunity to request a hearing will end near the end of June
  - Specific dates will be in the notice

Potential Restart Inspection and Assessment

- IMC-2562 provides a roadmap for potentially transitioning a decommissioning reactor to an operating plant
- IMC-2562 has already been implemented with the Palisades Nuclear Plant and Crane Clean Energy Center
- This Guidance includes details on:
  - The Restart Panel
  - Identifying and developing pathways for transition from decommissioning to potential operation
  - Conducting inspections and reviews
  - Outlining NRC's final assessment of plant's readiness to restart operations



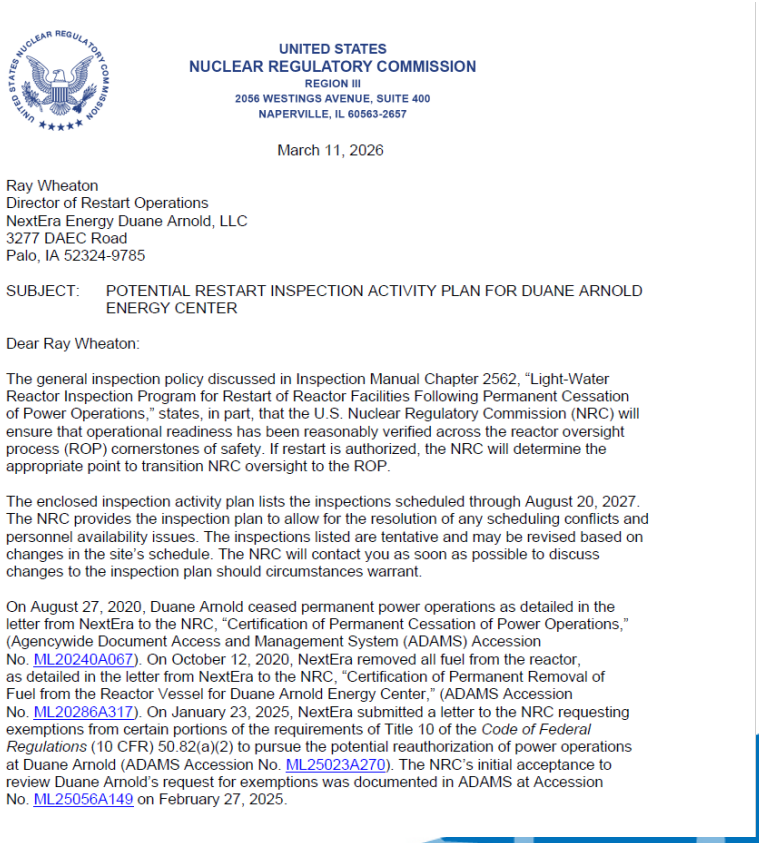
Potential Restart Inspection and Assessment

- NRC Region III has developed and will implement an inspection plan to assess the plant's readiness to resume operations
- Inspections will be conducted to assess all areas of plant safety
- Inspections will assess both previously approved and new programs
- Existing NRC procedures will be used to perform the inspection activities
- These inputs are critical for the NRC's final evaluation of the plant's readiness to restart

Potential Restart Inspection and Assessment

- Site Inspection Activity Plan lists planned inspections scheduled through 2026 with some already scheduled inspections in 2027
- Used for planning
- Routine inspections may not be included in the plan

Activity plan: ML26069A370



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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL RESTART INSPECTION ACTIVITY PLAN FOR DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER

Dear Ray Wheaton:

The general inspection policy discussed in Inspection Manual Chapter 2562, "Light-Water Reactor Inspection Program for Restart of Reactor Facilities Following Permanent Cessation of Power Operations," states, in part, that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will ensure that operational readiness has been reasonably verified across the reactor oversight process (ROP) cornerstones of safety. If restart is authorized, the NRC will determine the appropriate point to transition NRC oversight to the ROP.

The enclosed inspection activity plan lists the inspections scheduled through August 20, 2027. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The inspections listed are tentative and may be revised based on changes in the site's schedule. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant.

On August 27, 2020, Duane Arnold ceased permanent power operations as detailed in the letter from NextEra to the NRC, "Certification of Permanent Cessation of Power Operations," (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20240A067). On October 12, 2020, NextEra removed all fuel from the reactor, as detailed in the letter from NextEra to the NRC, "Certification of Permanent Removal of Fuel from the Reactor Vessel for Duane Arnold Energy Center," (ADAMS Accession No. ML20286A317). On January 23, 2025, NextEra submitted a letter to the NRC requesting exemptions from certain portions of the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.82(a)(2) to pursue the potential reauthorization of power operations at Duane Arnold (ADAMS Accession No. ML25023A270). The NRC's initial acceptance to review Duane Arnold's request for exemptions was documented in ADAMS at Accession No. ML25056A149 on February 27, 2025.

Potential Restart Inspection and Assessment

- Region III issued two restart related inspection reports in 2025
  - Initial on-site related activities including items such as radiation protection, heavy lifts, and preliminary in vessel visual inspection
  - Inspection reports can be found on the NRC's webpage https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/reactors/duan

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