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NRC PUBLIC MEETING JULY 10 ON UPDATING GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting July 10 in Oak Lawn, Illinois, concerning an update of its Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, originally published in 1996. The meeting is one of four being held throughout the country.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton - Oak Lawn, 9333 South Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn.

Members of the public are invited to comment on issues that the NRC should consider in its GEIS update. NRC staff will be available for informal discussions at 6 p.m., answering questions and providing additional information about the scoping process. The formal meeting to receive public comments will start at 7 p.m.

The GEIS assesses the overall scope and impact of environmental effects associated with license renewal at any nuclear power plant site. Separate supplements to the GEIS are prepared to assess specific environmental issues at individual plants when a license renewal application is submitted for that plant.

Those who wish to present oral comments are encouraged to register by contacting Barry Zalcman at 800-368-5642, x2419, or via e-mail at LRGEISUpdate@nrc.gov. Speaker registration will be available before the start of the session, but individual comment time may be limited. Written comments should be submitted by September 2, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6-D 59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, or by e-mail to LRGEISUpdate@nrc.gov.

The GEIS, its Addendum 1 that was published in 1999, and subsequent site-specific Supplements may be viewed on the NRC web site at this address: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/. These documents are also available in the NRC Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

At the conclusion of the information-gathering process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of conclusions and significant issues. The summary will also be available through the NRC's online document library at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html. Help in using ADAMS is available from the NRC's Public Document Room at 800/397-4209.

The NRC will hold additional public meetings for public comment once the draft GEIS revision is prepared.