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NRC MEETINGS JUNE 10 IN OSWEGO, N.Y., TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR NINE MILE POINT NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct public meetings in Oswego, N.Y., on Wednesday, June 10, to discuss the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing a Combined License (COL) application for a new reactor at the Nine Mile Point site, about six miles northeast of Oswego.

The NRC will meet with the public from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at the State University of New York-Oswego's Sheldon Hall, 7060 Route 104 in Oswego. The first session will adhere to the NRC's traditional format for a moderated, transcribed meeting to record public comments on the environmental review process. NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during an "open house" from noon to 1 p.m. No formal comments on the environmental review will be accepted during that time.

The agency will use a less formal approach for the evening session, giving the public a greater opportunity for one-on-one interaction with NRC staff. A court reporter will also be available to record public comments. The NRC will collect all the comments in a scoping summary report, and the staff will address the comments as they prepare an environmental impact statement.

"We're coming to Oswego to get the community's input, but we also want to make sure we're giving the community the information it needs to understand our process and participate effectively," said Scott Flanders, director of the Division of Site and Environmental Reviews in the NRC's Office of New Reactors. "We believe using two meeting formats will accommodate different communication styles, allowing the staff to interact with a broader range of citizens."

Nine Mile Point Nuclear Project and UniStar submitted the application and associated information Sept. 30, 2008, and updated the application on Nov. 18, 2008, seeking approval to build and operate an Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR) at the site. The application's environmental report is available on the agency's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/nine-mile-point.html>. Copies of the report are also available at the Oswego Public Library, 120 E. First St. in Oswego; and at the SUNY-Oswego Penfield Library at 7060 State Route 104 in Oswego.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meetings, particularly the evening session, should contact Paul Michalak by telephone at 800-368-5642, x7612 or via e-mail at NMP3.COLEIS@nrc.gov by June 5. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 12:55 p.m. and 5:55 p.m., respectively. Those with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting should notify Paul Michalak by June 5. Individual comments may be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process. Comments should be submitted no later than July 20, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or via e-mail at NMP3.COLEIS@nrc.gov.

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