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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR COMANCHE PEAK NEW REACTORS; MEETINGS SCHEDULED SEPT. 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is seeking public comments on its preliminary finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude issuing Combined Licenses (COL) for two new reactors at the Comanche Peak site near Glen Rose, Texas.

Staff from the NRC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, will discuss their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in meetings to be held from 1-4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Tuesday, September 21, at the Glen Rose Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd. in Glen Rose. The NRC will transcribe the meetings and post the transcript on the agency's website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/comanche-peak.html>. NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions from noon-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. No formal comments on the DEIS will be accepted during these open houses.

The DEIS is available on the agency website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/comanche-peak.html>. The DEIS is also available via the NRC's electronic document database, ADAMS, by entering accession numbers ML102170030 and ML102170036 in the ADAMS search engine at: <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. In addition, the Somervell County Library (at 108 Allen Drive in Glen Rose) and the Hood County Library (at 222 North Travis St. in Granbury, Texas) will have a hardbound copy of the DEIS available for public inspection.

Luminant Generation Company submitted its application on Sept. 19, 2008, and supplemented the application on Nov. 20, 2009. Luminant is applying for licenses to build and operate two U.S. Advanced Pressurized-Water Reactors (US-APWR) at the Comanche Peak site, approximately four miles north of Glen Rose. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries submitted an application to certify the US-APWR, a 1,500 megawatt electric design, on Dec. 31, 2007. More information on the US-APWR review is available on the NRC website here: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert/apwr.html>.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting, or with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting, should contact Michael Willingham by telephone at (800) 368-5642 x3924, or via e-mail at Comanche.COLEIS@nrc.gov

by Sept. 14. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 12:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., respectively. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the DEIS for 75 days following its publication in the *Federal Register*, expected shortly. The public may comment 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, via e-mail at Comanche.COLEIS@nrc.gov, or via fax to (301) 492-3446.

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