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ACTIVITY: Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA)
Section 108 Public Meetings to Collect Feedback on
Establishment and Operation of Community Advisory Boards

FACILITY: Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 27, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING
NEAR THE DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

Background

On August 27, 2019, a Category 3 public meeting was held between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, members of the public and interested stakeholders at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, California. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the NRC staff in identifying best practices and lessons learned for establishment and operation of local community advisory boards (CABs) associated with power reactor decommissioning activities.

These actions are being taken in response to Section 108 of NEIMA, which was signed into law on January 14, 2019, and requires the NRC to provide a report to Congress no later than July 14, 2020, identifying best practices for establishing and operating local community advisory boards to foster communication and information exchange between a decommissioning licensee and the local community, including lessons learned from such organizations.

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The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML19219B389. The meeting transcript is available in ADAMS at Accession No. ML19267A021.

Meeting

On August 27, 2019, the NRC staff held a public meeting to discuss the agency's activities in accordance with Section 108 of NEIMA to collect information on the use local community advisory boards during decommissioning activities and issue a best practices report. The contents of this report will include a description of the type of topics that could be brought before a community advisory board; how the board's input could inform the decision-making process of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities; how the board could interact with the NRC and other Federal regulatory bodies to promote dialogue between the licensee and affected stakeholders; and how the board could offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process. The report will also include a discussion of the composition of existing community advisory boards and best practices identified during the establishment and operation of such boards, including logistical considerations, frequency of meetings, and the selection of board members.

Representatives from the NRC staff gave a presentation on the requirements of NEIMA Section 108 and presented the various methods to provide feedback on best practices and lessons learned from community advisory boards. This presentation is provided as Enclosure 2 and can be found in ADAMS at Accession No. ML19233A072. Additional information on NEIMA Section 108, as well as an electronic means of providing comments, are available at the NRC public website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>.

Before the close of the meeting, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108. The comments and questions received are summarized in Enclosure 3, and focused primarily on how beneficial a CAB can be, that early formation of a CAB is helpful, that the membership should be diverse, and that a CAB should have a strategic plan documented. No Public Meeting Feedback forms were received.

Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323
License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82

Enclosures:

1. Public Meeting Transcript
2. NRC Presentation Slides
3. Summary of Public Comments
4. Preliminary Comments to NRC Concerning Best Practices for the Establishment and Operation of Local Community Advisory Boards for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants (Including 22 Suggested Best Practices) Provided by Alex S. Karlin
5. Comments to NRC Concerning Best Practices for the Establishment and Operation of Local Community Advisory Boards Relating to the Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Plants, Delivered by Alex S. Karlin
6. Three Examples of Best Practices Nuclear Decommissioning Community Advisory Boards, Provided by Alex S. Karlin
7. Twenty-Two Best Practices for the Establishment and Operation of Local Decommissioning Community Advisory Boards, Provided by Alex S. Karlin

cc w/enclosures: Diablo Canyon listserv

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 27, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR THE DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS.
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Enclosure 1

**Diablo Canyon NEIMA Section 108
Public Meeting Transcript**

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Enclosure 2

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Presentation Slides**

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Enclosure 2

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE
AUGUST 27, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR
THE DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the Diablo Canyon NEIMA Section 108 public meeting, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108 regarding best practices and lessons learned for community advisory boards. Comments and feedback were received on the following topics:

- The local community should form a CAB or a Citizens Engagement Panel early before decommissioning starts.
- The membership should be representative of the local community, it should include the local Native American tribes, and maybe not elected officials.
- The CAB should have more independence with a budget to self-direct some information gathering and to have access to technical experts.
- One of the benefits that the CAB have is that the membership allows for differing opinions. It helps to have those dialogues with each other. It fosters understanding of other positions.
- Having a strategic vision plan documents the CAB's focus for everyone to see and is a valuable document.
- Every panel is unique and that overall the PG&E model is valuable to the community.
- Having influence in the process has value and it's a benefit to try and get consensus in citizens opinions.

Enclosure 4

Preliminary Comments to NRC Concerning Best Practices for the Establishment and Operation of Local Community Advisory Boards for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants (Including 22 Suggested Best Practices) Provided by Alex S. Karlin

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Enclosure 5

**Comments to NRC Concerning Best Practices for the Establishment
and Operation of Local Community Advisory Boards Relating to the
Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Plants, Delivered by Alex S.
Karlin**

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Enclosure 6

**Three Examples of Best Practices Nuclear Decommissioning
Community Advisory Boards, Provided by Alex S. Karlin**

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Enclosure 7

**Twenty-Two Best Practices for the Establishment and Operation of
Local Decommissioning Community Advisory Boards, Provided by
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