

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

The purpose of decommissioning a nuclear facility is to remove the facility safely from service, and to reduce residual radioactivity at the site to levels that permit the license granted by the NRC to be terminated.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensees' application and the SNEC Decommissioning Environmental Report prepared in accordance with 10 CFR 51.53(d). The staff also referred to the SNEC Facility Updated Safety Analysis Report, Revisions 0, 1, and 2 and the SNEC Facility Decommissioning Quality Assurance Plan. To document its review, the staff has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) which examined decommissioning alternatives, non-radiological and radiological impacts of decommissioning, and effects of postulated radiological accidents during decommissioning. The alternatives available for decommissioning—DECON, ENTOMB, SAFSTOR, and no action—are evaluated and discussed in the "Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities," NUREG-0586, dated August 1988 (GEIS). Based on its review of the licensees' application and plans for decommissioning described in the Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR), the staff has determined that the environmental impacts, both radiological and nonradiological, associated with the decommissioning of the SNEF, are bounded by the impacts evaluated by the GEIS and have been adequately evaluated by the licensees. The staff also finds that the proposed decommissioning of the SNEF complies with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix I, and 10 CFR Part 20.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The staff has reviewed the licensees' application for license amendment and environmental report in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based upon the EA, the staff concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the Commission has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

For further details with respect to this action see (1) the application for license amendment dated November 25, 1996, as supplemented on May 30, June 4 and 16, August 21 and September 16, 1997,

and February 3 and 9, 1998, (2) the SNEC Decommissioning Environmental Report submitted on April 17, 1996, and the licensees' response to Commission questions about the environmental report dated July 18, 1996, and March 3 and 31, 1998, (3) the SNEC Facility Updated Safety Analysis Report, Revision 0, submitted on October 25, 1996, Revision 1, submitted on August 21, 1997, and Revision 2, submitted on February 3, 1998, (4) the SNEC Facility Decommissioning Quality Assurance Plan submitted by letter dated November 8, 1996, as supplemented on May 30, 1997, and February 3 and 9, 1998, (5) the PSDAR (originally submitted as the SNEF Decommissioning Plan) dated February 1996, which was submitted on February 16, 1996, as supplemented on July 18, 1996, and (6) the EA dated March 1998. These documents are available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20003, and at the Local Public Document Room for the SNEF at the Saxton Community Library, Front Street, Saxton, Pennsylvania 16678. Single copies of the EA may be obtained from Alexander Adams Jr., Senior Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, M.S. O-11-B-20, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Revised

The agenda for the 100th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) scheduled to be held on April 21-23, 1998, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, has been revised. On Thursday, April 23 the Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, DOE, will provide an overview of DOE high level waste activities. In addition, Ms. C. Hanlon, DOE will update the Committee on site characterization activities at Yucca Mountain.

All other items pertaining to this meeting remains the same as published

in the **Federal Register** on Monday, April 6, 1998 (63 FR 16831).

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Dated: April 9, 1998.

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Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-133]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Humboldt Bay Power Plant; Notice of Public Meeting

The NRC will conduct a public meeting at the Eureka Inn, 518 7th Street, Eureka, California, on April 29, 1998, to discuss plans developed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the Humboldt Bay Power Plant licensee) to decommission the Humboldt Bay Power Plant located near Eureka, California. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be chaired by Mr. Stan Dixon, 1st District Supervisor, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. The meeting will include a short presentation by the NRC staff on the decommissioning process and NRC programs for monitoring decommissioning activities, with attention being given to the licensee's updated Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) dated February 27, 1998. There will also be a presentation by PG&E on their planned decommissioning activities, and there will be an opportunity for members of the public to make comments and question the NRC staff and PG&E representatives. The meeting will be transcribed.

The licensee's update to the PSDAR provides a short discussion of the plant history, and a description and schedule of planned decommissioning activities. The PSDAR update also comments briefly on anticipated decommissioning costs and environmental impacts.

The PSDAR update is available for public inspection at the local public document room, located at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, CA 95501, and the